Independent audit clears high court of misuse of JDF

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SC guard stops solon

By Robert Abaño and Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
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BAGUIO CITY — The sign at the gate of the Supreme Court compound reads, "No ID, no entry."

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'Even if the President has to call out the army'

By Philip C. Tubeza

TWO days of unprecedented oral arguments at the Supreme Court ended at 7:35 last night, with a former solicitor general reminding the high court that it is the President who will enforce its decision—even if she has to call out the army.

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NPC solons fear lack of quorum on Nov. 10

Impeachment bloc worried majority won't show up

By Carlito Pablo and Cynthia Balana

WITH THE Supreme Court still undecided about intervening in the impeachment crisis, the focus of public attention has begun to shift to the House of Representatives.

And the question making its way through the halls of Congress is: Will there be a quorum on Monday, when the House resumes session?

The battle for numbers comes to a head on Nov. 10, the deadline for the House to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate.

But Manila Rep. Harry Angping, a member of the Nationalist People's Coalition which spearheaded the second impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., said he feared that the ruling Lakas-CMD party may try to abort the resumption of sessions.

And Rizal Rep. Michael John "Jack" Duavit, also of the NPC, said pro-impeachment congressmen were praying their colleagues would not play truant on Monday. A quorum is needed to transmit the Articles of Impeachment.

A multi-party caucus last week agreed that the impeachment complaint will be transmitted to the Senate, provided there's a quorum and the number of signatories to the complaint will not be fewer than 76. At least 114 congressmen, or "a majority plus one," must answer the roll call on Monday for the House to transact business.

In a statement issued by his staff, Duavit said he was disturbed by reports that some pro-

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FAMOUS for 15 minutes or so are the new kids on the block who are circling the wagons for the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. They visit the INQUIRER headquarters on Thursday night to explain why. From left, Representatives Joseph Santiago (Catanduanes), Rep.Darlene Antonino-Custodio (South Cotabato), Felix William "Wimpy"Fuentebella (Camarines Sur)and Rep. Jack Duavit (Rizal). RUDY ESPERAS

Court employees sharply divided

By Philip C. Tubeza
in Manila
and Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

THE IMPEACHMENT of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. over the alleged misuse of the Judiciary Development Fund has sharply divided employees of the courts.

Members of the Alliance of Court Employees Associations of the Philippines (Aceap) will go on mass leave on Monday to protest efforts to stop Davide's impeachment, its spokesperson Nene Rafael said yesterday.

But Ma. Cecilia Flores, chair of the Philippine Confederation of Court Employees Association (Philconcea), questioned Aceap's ability to rally the judiciary's 25,000 employees to join the protest action, saying it was not

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Wimpy apologizes to auditor

By Armand N. Nocum and Cynthia D. Balana

REP. Felix William Fuentebella has apologized, the auditor of the Commission on Audit distressed by his supposed attacks on radio said yesterday.

"He apologized," Cecilia Cagaanan, who prepared the COA report on the controversial Judiciary Development Fund, told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. She said Fuentebella had called her up to say that it was actually he who wanted to shield her from "pressures" owing to certain court cases that could one day go up to the Supreme Court.

"But I told him: 'I have no pending case before the court. You are the one giving me the pressure,'" Caga-anan said.

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'INDEPENDENT' AUDIT

House 'exaggerated' high court spending

By Alcuin Papa

THE RESULTS of an "independent" audit conducted by a group led by a University of the Philippines law professor showed nothing wrong with how the controversial Judiciary Development Fund was disbursed.

Prof. Ma. Lourdes Sereno said the amounts that the Supreme Court spent for curtains, chairs and cars were "exaggerated" by members of the House of Representatives to justify their impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

"Our study revealed that the 80-20 (percent) use of the JDF was strictly followed," Sereno said at a media forum in Manila yesterday. "An impeachment is the wrong forum to resolve any

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SC told law 'superior' even to Davide

By Michael Lim Ubac and Philip C. Tubeza

REPRESENTATIVES of both houses of Congress raised contrasting views before the Supreme Court yesterday, on the second day of oral arguments over the Davide impeachment crisis.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. bluntly told 14 associate justices of the high court that the rule of law was "superior" even to Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., and "must apply to all—good or bad."

Pimentel, arguing before the high court as an intervenor, claimed that the magistrates did not have the "plenary and exclusive" power to stop Davide's impeachment.

Davide had inhibited himself from the hearing.

But House Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez, along with Rep. Salacnib Baterina and their lawyer Jose Bernas, asked the court to immediately intervene in

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Pro-Gringo 'Guardians' set Makati rally today

By Marlon Ramos
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

A FACTION of the Guardians Brotherhood, a group closely linked to Sen. Gregorio Honasan, has announced that it is staging a rally in the Makati business district today as fears of military intervention in the standoff between Congress and the Supreme Court over the impeachment of the Chief Justice mount.

Ernesto Macahiya, spokesperson of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc. (PGBI), said on Wednesday that the rally had nothing to do with any military rebellion. He said it was aimed at condemning the alleged "unconstitutional intervention" of the Supreme Court in the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

He said some 6,000 PGBI members would join the rally. PGBI claims to have millions of members nationwide. Honasan is said to be its president and *supremo*.

PGBI was the same group that led a rally in Makati at the height of the coup staged by the Magdalo Group on July 27.

Authorities believed that the group was the civilian component of the plot to topple President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Macahiya told the INQUIRER that

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Palace work stops for 'chinovela' star

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

FORGET the impeachment.

No, forget all national crises.

Work stopped in Malacañang for nearly three hours yesterday as Cabinet officials and Palace employees and their children, plus orphans, cancer patients, journalists, and other star-struck fans turned up to give Jerry Yan, star of the popular *chinovela* "Meteor Garden" a welcome that was rather unprecedented.

No, try "frenzied."

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye thought the reception in some ways rivaled the one laid out for United States President George W. Bush last Oct. 18. Similarly, it broke the record set by Thalia, phenomenal star of the Mexican telenovela "Marimar," who visited the Palace in 1997 during the term of President Fidel Ramos.

"This is such a welcome respite ... let's enjoy it," Speaker Jose de Venecia's wife Gina said as she waited with popular hairdresser Ricky Reyes for their turn with the Taiwanese actor.

Pandemonium broke loose in the hallowed Malacañang Ceremonial Hall when Yan, popularly known as Dao Ming Si in the TV series, emerged from his courtesy call with President Macapagal-Arroyo in the music room to pose for snapshots with about 300 people.

Tall and good-looking, with his trademark tousled (and, not to for-

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METEORIC frenzy at the Palace happens over the star of "Meteor Garden" Jerry Yan who pays a courtesy call on President Macapagal on Thursday. MALACAÑANG PHOTO

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Eastern sections of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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Critics put polls in doubt–Abalos

By Martin Posadas Marfil

THE SEVERE criticism that the Commission on Elections has been receiving will lead people to believe that the 2004 elections is doomed to fail, according to its chair, Benjamin Abalos.

In a statement entitled "We are on the same boat here," Abalos warned against the "onslaught of negative publicity" which, he said, undermined the poll body's efforts.

He noted that the criticisms were based on allegations of irregularities in the procurement of computers, the logistics for the ongoing registration and validation processes, the decision to deploy automated counting machines only in select areas, and the non-accreditation of the National Movement for Free Elections to conduct a "quick count."

Most of the criticisms have come from losing bidders and Namfrel, Abalos said in the five-page statement where he addressed every one of the charges.

"We are alarmed that these articles may be conditioning the minds of the people that manipulation is inevitable in next year's polls," he said.

Bidding irregularities

On the supposed bidding irregularities, Abalos maintained there was no such thing as a "favored supplier," as there was no local manufacturer of counting machines.

He said the project was awarded to the Mega Pacific consortium led by Mega Pacific Solutions Inc., a group previously evaluated for financial capability and approved by the Comelec bids and awards committee.

Abalos admitted that out of the first shipment of 30 machines, nine failed the test conducted by the Department of Science and Technology. He attributed this to a drastic change in the environment. But he said the nine units passed subsequent repeat tests.

He also said an additional batch of 456 machines passed the tests with an accuracy rate of 100 percent.

Blame congress

In the same document, Abalos pointed to Congress for the decision to limit automation, which he said was contrary to the law that mandated nationwide computerization.

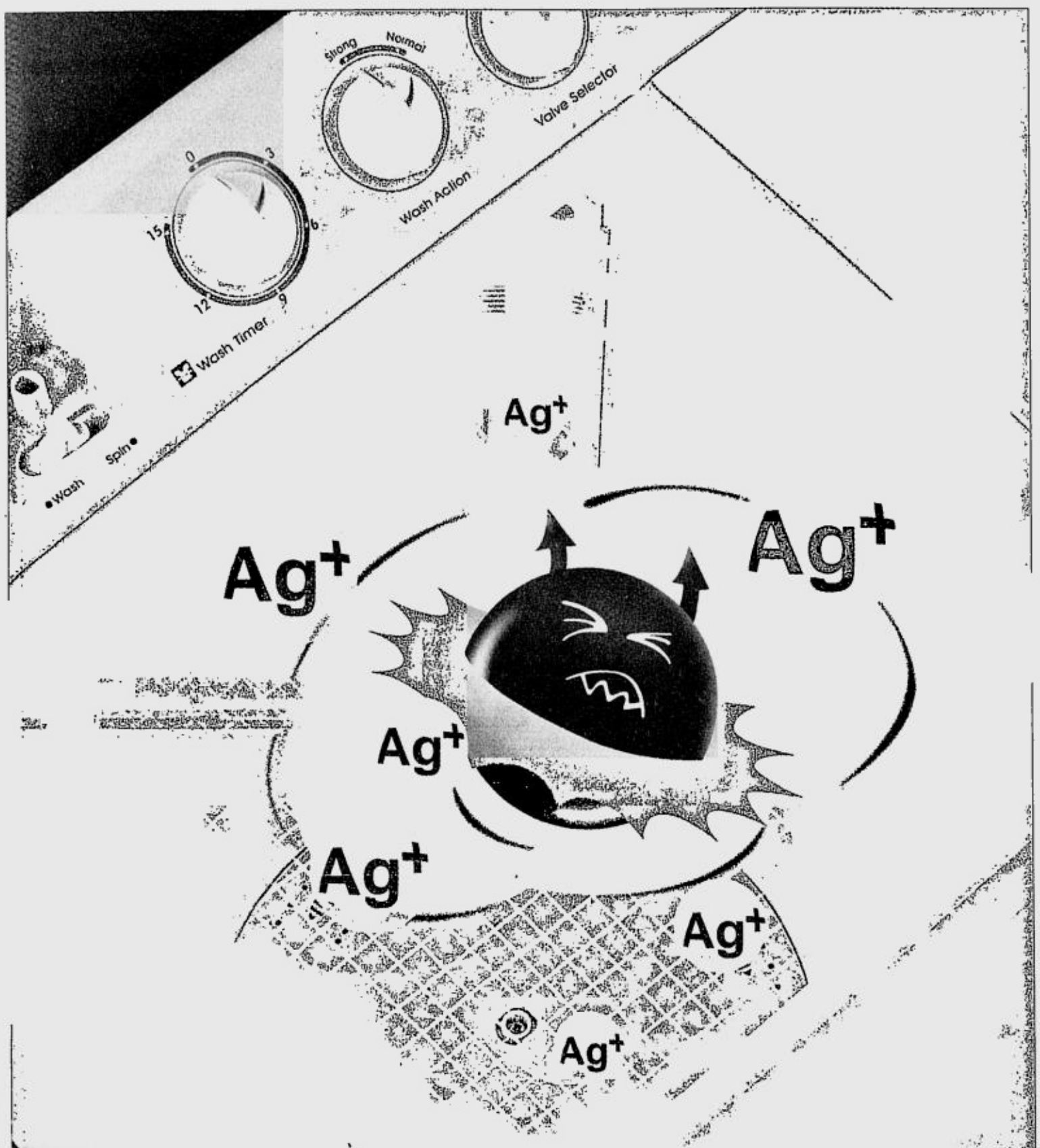
"The decision to downscale (was initiated by) Congress through the bicameral conference committee ... which sought to implement the automated election system (only) in selected geographical areas," Abalos said.

He added that Congress' decision was based on the "notion" that physical transport of unCounted ballots from voting centers to counting centers was "too great a risk to take."

Abalos assured voters "inconvenienced" by long queues for registration and validation that the "very meticulous" machines needed time to capture an applicant's digital photograph, electronic signature and fingerprint.

Namfrel was not allowed to post its counting results, the Comelec chief explained, as this would result in confusion: "There will surely be inconsistencies due to time lags. Hence, we decided that only the Comelec figures shall be made public."

In any case, Abalos said the commission would not stop "any group" from conducting its own count. He told Namfrel it was "free to call Comelec's attention to gross inconsistencies."



'Flying voters' face penalties

By Edwin O. Fernandez
PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—A year of imprisonment and one-year suspension of the right to vote await some 200,000 multiple registrants in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos yesterday said the poll body had dropped the names of qualified voters who enlisted more than once during the 10-day general registration of voters in the five-province ARMM.

"We have to do this because they were aware that registering more than once could mean revocation of their right to participate in balloting and imprisonment," Abalos told Radio dxMS.

This left only about 981,000 qualified ARMM voters for next year's national and local elections.

Abalos said the same penalty applied to all multiple registrants.

Even Malacañang was alarmed by the ARMM incident.

President Macapagal-Arroyo directed the Comelec to act on the issue "with a high sense of urgency and resoluteness ... (because) "the country has had enough of election fraud."

Most of the ARMM double registrants were underage, Abalos said. Some used different photographs and different names. "But fingerprints do not lie," the Comelec chief said.

Others enlisted again outside the region, the Comelec investigation revealed. For instance, several Maguindanao residents also registered in Cotabato City.

The ARMM and Cotabato City are among the 10 areas where computers will be used in voting and counting for the 2004 polls.

Next week, Comelec personnel are set to hold a caravan campaign in the ARMM provinces to educate the public and conduct demonstrations of the voting process using actual ballots.

Abalos will lead the demonstrations. "This is very important," he said. "Everybody must participate." *With Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

Lawyer says Imelda is in London hospital

By Alcuin Papa

THE LAWYERS of Imelda Marcos, who is traveling abroad and may be in violation of a court order, claimed yesterday that the former first lady has been in a London hospital for the past few days for dehydration.

Lawyer Roberto Sison said the widow of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, has been confined at the Cromwell Hospital in London and is under the care of Dr. Vanessa Moonie. He did not say when she was admitted.

The 75-year-old Imelda, who is out on bail, was allowed by a Manila court to make a 30-day foreign trip. She left on Oct. 5 and should have returned last Sunday.

An official of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, the agency tasked to recover the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses, said the court could order her arrest and cancel her bail bond.

Sison said yesterday Imelda cannot be arrested on her return as her lawyers were able to secure permission from three courts for an extension of her trip.

He said he received a letter from Moonie last Nov. 3 in which the doctor said "this lady [Imelda] is sick" and had to undergo rehydration.

According to Sison, Moonie also declared Imelda "unfit to travel until before Nov. 10."

He said Imelda became dehydrated when she fasted for the general check-up she was supposed to go through while in London. He said Imelda underwent a blood chemistry examination, a brain CT scan and tests on her eyes.

Sison said he was also able to talk to Imelda by telephone. "She told me she was in bed and that she felt very bad," he said.

He said said Imelda was returning to the country on or before Nov. 12.

Sison said Imelda's lawyers were able to secure an extension of her trip from the Sandiganbayan's 5th Division, Quezon City Regional Trial Court Judge Thelma Ponferrada of Branch 105, and Manila Regional Trial Court Judge Oscar Barrientos of Branch 26.

The Sandiganbayan granted the extension last Oct. 21, while those from Ponferrada and Barrientos were obtained on Oct. 23 and 27, respectively.

He said Imelda "can only be arrested if the court tells her to come home and she doesn't."

Imelda is out on bail after the Sandiganbayan ordered her arrest in 2001 on four graft charges stemming from her family's alleged funneling of billions of pesos in ill-gotten wealth to Swiss banks.

PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza has questioned why Barrientos had granted Imelda's request to travel on Oct. 2 and allowed her to go to London which was not even part of her requested itinerary.

Carranza also earlier called for the resignation or dismissal of Barrientos.

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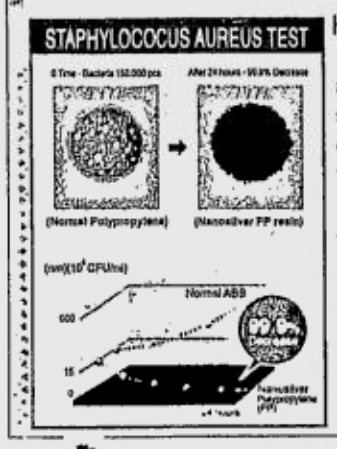

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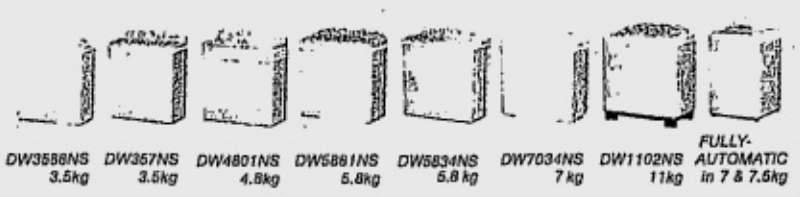

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Palace asks impeachment solons to accept covenant

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

MALACAÑANG yesterday urged House leaders to do their best in trying to convince members who signed the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. to get behind President Macapagal-Arroyo's proposed tripartite covenant to end the impeachment crisis.

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said what Speaker Jose de Venecia should do now is to convince the House legislators to withdraw their signatures before Congress resumes session on Monday.

"If they are only really after seeing the truth about the disbursement of the Judiciary Development Fund, we have a mechanism which does not need the impeachment [trial] in the Senate," he told dzRB government radio.

The covenant proposed by the President calls for the withdrawal of the impeachment complaint and for the House committee on justice to investigate the alleged misuse of the JDF with an active role for the Commission on Audit.

"It's for everybody's welfare that they consider the provisions of the proposed covenant. If we only set aside our pride and just look for the truth, this is the best solution," Bunye said.

Lakas Representatives Prospero Pichay Jr. (Surigao del Sur) and Monico Puentevella (Bacolod City) stressed that while making the appeal to their colleagues, they respect their action on the impeachment issue as mandated by the Constitution.

"We urge our colleagues to exercise prudence and to consider mainly the consequences of their action in making their decision. There is now anarchy in the streets and we don't want our nation to be divided further because of the impeachment issue," Pichay said.

Puentevella said the oral argumentation may help convince some of their colleagues who signed to withdraw their signatures but the best thing to do is to convince them that the covenant is the best way out of the impeachment issue.

"The covenant is the best way out without anyone losing face," Puentevella, chair of the House committee on youth and sports development, said.

The President yesterday said she does not expect a quick resolution of the crisis even with the House "engaged in an earnest bid at consensus-building" and the Supreme Court holding consultations with legal luminaries to arrive at a solution, added to her own covenant proposal.

"I am confident that these separate institutional acts will have a point of convergence, although I do not expect instant results," she said.

"This could lead to a point of catharsis and consolidation for our nation and we should build our unity behind the Constitution and the national interest," she said.

Opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara said the covenant was "a good starting point."

"It's worthwhile to spend time and consider the proposal. The House decision is to transmit the impeachment complaint to the Senate. The option being offered now is for them to withdraw transmitting and consider it," Angara told a press briefing in Baguio City.

But former senator Juan Ponce Enrile said Ms Macapagal's covenant would destroy the credibility of the impeachment process.

He said going through with the impeachment process would be "in the interest of the country."

"Only Congress itself—one house charging and the other deciding—can resolve the issue. I think if we try to do this, the nation would fare better. The present brouhaha will quiet down," he said, adding that he doubted a two-thirds vote could be obtained to convict Davide in the Senate. *With reports from Vincent Cabreza, Northern Luzon Bureau; Jerome Aning, Cynthia D. Balana and Christine Avendaño*

It's 90% go for FPJ, says Sotto

By Desiree Caluza and Robert Abaño
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Opposition Sen. Vicente Sotto III yesterday said he was "95-percent sure" that movie star Fernando Poe Jr. will offer himself up as a presidential candidate to the united opposition.

"In my estimation, there is a 95 percent probability that he will make himself available," Sotto said in a mixture of English and Filipino when he met with reporters here on Thursday.

Sotto, who has been assigned to negotiate with Poe and last met with the actor on Wednesday night at the birthday party of Armida Siguion-Reyna, said the much-awaited announcement on whether the actor will run for president will be "by next week."

Sotto was here with other opposition leaders—Senators Edgardo Angara and Rodolfo Biazon and former senator Juan Ponce Enrile—for the opposition's Northern Luzon road show.

No show

The event is supposed to present for public inspection the opposition presidential aspirants but none of the prospective candidates—Senators Aquilino Pimentel and Panfilo Lacson, businessman Eduardo Cojuangco and Poe—showed up.

Angara said they couldn't come because of the short notice given about the Baguio road show while some had other commitments. He said the road show would continue throughout the month in the cities of Naga, Cebu, Davao, Cagayan de Oro and Metro Manila.

Sotto said that the "95 percent" certainty of a Poe candidacy came about after Poe was able to confirm through "consultations" that the clamor for him to run did not just come from any political group.

"He was able to confirm that the clamor really came from the people," Sotto said.

He said that even though Poe has so far not said anything about his political plans, the actor has been meeting with various groups to get the public pulse on his possible candidacy.

"He's moving around. *Magaling lumakad yan* [He's a good operator]," he said.

No enemies

Sotto said Poe has an edge over other prospective candidates as he has "no enemies."

Angara, in a press conference, said the opposition will be announcing its complete slate for 2004—from president, vice president to 12 senatorial candidates—before the end of November.

He said opposition leaders were not in a hurry to announce their candidates as they already know who their opponents are.

"We are still conducting consultative meetings to sense the preference of the people about the candidates they will be supporting," Sotto said.

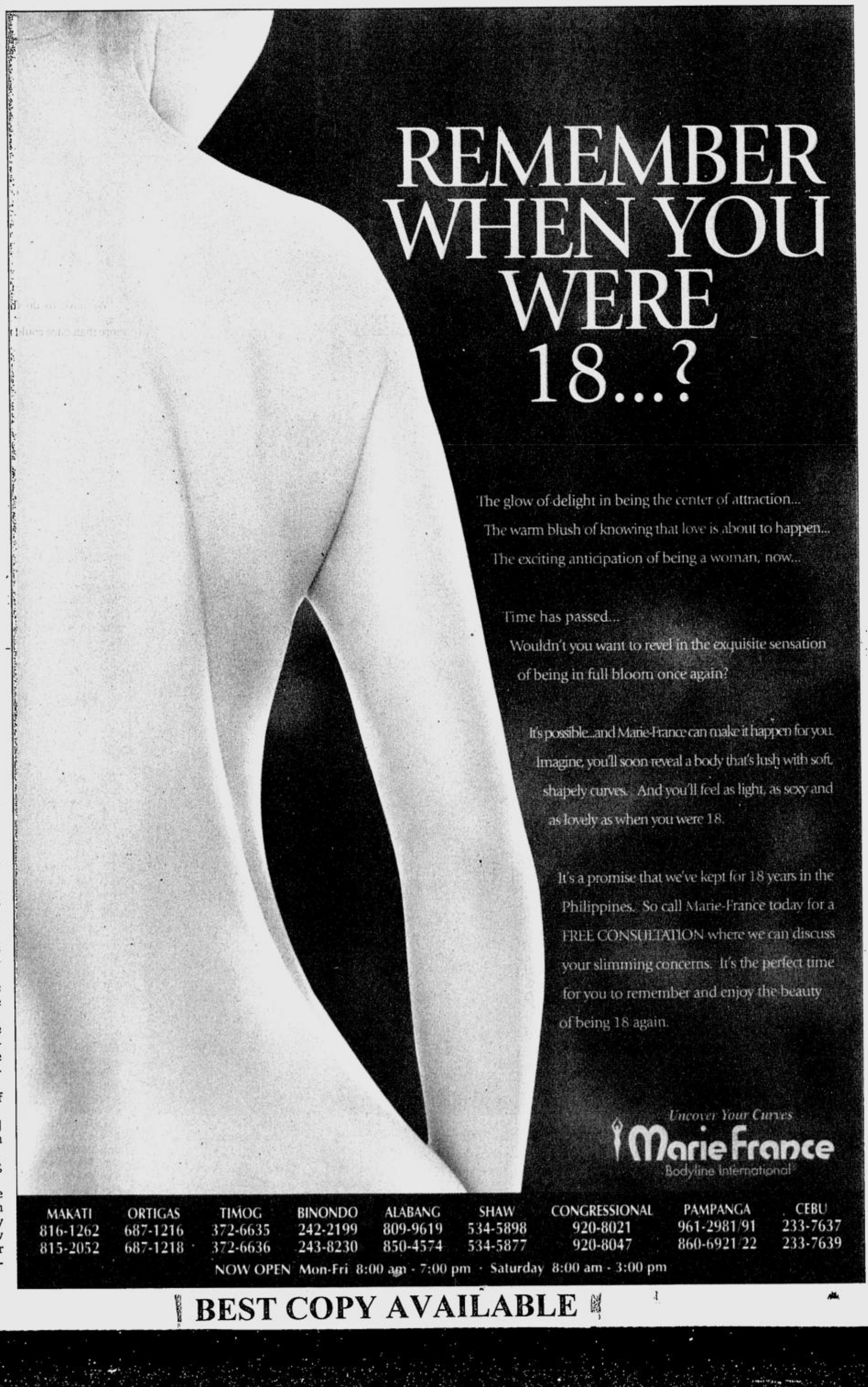
Enrile said that Poe, despite his inadequate academic background and lack of political experience, was still the top candidate for some opposition leaders as he can "exercise a degree of leadership to unify the nation."

He said Poe has an advantage in terms of his ability to attract people.

"We should accept that you could not be [a] leader unless you have a big following, if you can inspire the nation to come together," Enrile said.

He said Poe has a chance at the presidency, "just like the rest."

"We want a change in the opposition, we want a new personality and FPJ has a clean record. He has no vested interests, he only wants change. A drastic change requires a new face. The principal criterion now is for a leader to be morally upright," said Angara. *With a report from Christine Avendaño*



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Naia 3 row won't reach arbitration, says expert

By Alcuin Papa

AN EXPERT in the settlement of international disputes said yesterday that the controversy between German airport builder Fraport, Philippine International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco) and the government over the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 would not reach arbitration stage before international bodies.

In a media forum yesterday, law Prof. Ma. Lourdes Sereno said neither the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) or the Singapore-based International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Court of Arbitration can have jurisdiction over arbitration of the deal between Fraport, Piatco and the government.

This is because, Sereno explained, the contract was not valid.

She said that the Supreme Court had already ruled that the contract was not valid. Also, an arbitration of a contract brought before the two international bodies, "assumes that there is a valid contract in which one party must be entitled to an amount due to it."

"So how can there be arbitration when there was a fraudulent contract in the first place," said Sereno.

Sereno said she was helping out Justice Florentino Feliciano, who has been designated by President Macapagal-Arroyo to argue the government's case before the ICSID and the ICC.

Fraport has asked the ICSID to resolve its dispute with the government over the Naia 3 terminal while Piatco has taken its case before the ICC.

Sereno also explained that assuming jurisdiction issues are resolved, the two international bodies "will look for the fastest solution to the dispute."

Fraport is claiming before the ICSID $425 million representing its investment into the shelved Naia 3 project.

Sereno said that while the controversy might have affected the image of the country to foreign investors, it would not affect the country's standing with the World Bank.

She added that arbitration of the dispute could take a long time. Sereno pointed out that the Geneva-based Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS) Group had also taken its dispute with the government before the ICSID. But the arbitration of this dispute is still ongoing up to now.

The SGS had gone to the ICSID claiming the government owes it P1 billion in obligations incurred in 2000.

That year, the government ended the Swiss inspector's $100-million, 12-year contract and allowed the Bureau of Customs to take over the task of inspecting imports into the country.

Meanwhile, Sen. Joker Arroyo, chair of the Senate blue ribbon committee which is investigating the dispute, said Sen. Aquilino Pimentel should stop badgering the committee on what to do "because he does not know whereoff he speaks."

Pimentel had criticized Arroyo for the committee's failure to start the inquiry.

Arroyo said the delay was caused by Fraport's refusal to cooperate with the investigation supposedly because the issue was now before the World Bank's ICSID.

Arroyo accused Pimentel of abandoning his "nationalist moorings by waving blindly the colors of the German State of Hesse which owns Fraport."

He reminded Pimentel that the committee's counsel, Jose Manuel Diokno, asked Fraport on Oct. 20, for a list of witnesses to support its allegations of extortion against President Macapagal-Arroyo's personal lawyer and two advisers.

Fraport, however, refused to cooperate, saying that, since it had asked for arbitration from an international panel, it could not provide the documents.

"The committee needs witnesses, not Fraport's allegations contained in a foreign pleading filed with a foreign entity. How can the committee proceed if there are no witnesses?" Arroyo stressed. *With a report from Christine Avendaño*

VISITING THE QUEEN
Philippine Ambassador to the Court of St. James Edgardo Espiritu exchanges pleasantries with Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom in a recent call at the Buckingham Palace. Espiritu presented his credentials to the queen in ceremonies also attended by two former ambassadors to the court—Jaime Zobel de Ayala and Cesar Bautista.

Ople slams US, Australia for antiterror advisories

THE PHILIPPINES yesterday struck out at allies Australia and the United States for what it calls unwarranted advisories that warn against likely terrorist attacks against their citizens here.

Foreign Secretary Blas Ople said that the Philippines does not "have to listen to them."

"The US and Australia are higher risk targets than the Philippines. They are the ones being targeted by terrorists, not us," Ople told reporters.

He was reacting to claims made recently by Australian defense minister Robert Hill that the Jemaah Islamiyah terror network could intensify its attacks in predominantly Christian Manila.

The Philippines "is probably the most target rich environment in Southeast Asia in terms of western-style clubs, discos, hotels and symbols of western culture such as multinational businesses and fast-food outlets," Hill had told a conference in Canberra.

Earlier this week, a spokesperson for a US military contingent in joint training with Filipino troops in the northern Philippines said American soldiers were to be restricted to camp to avoid being "high risk" targets by local terrorists.

But Ople denounced such warnings as "particularly disconcerting since there are actually no specific terrorist threats against the Philippines."

Ople stressed the Philippines, which US President George W. Bush last month promoted to the status of a full-military ally, has been doing its share in combating terrorism in the region.

Police last month arrested an Indonesian man alleged to be the number two JI man financing bomb attacks in the southern Philippines. About 40 others, mostly Indonesian, are also being hunted down.

JI bomb expert Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi, was killed in a shootout last month with police in the southern island of Mindanao, three months after he escaped from a Manila police jail. *AFP*

Desierto cleared of forgery charge

QUEZON City prosecutors yesterday dismissed the charges of falsification of public documents filed against former Ombudsman Aniano Desierto for lack of probable cause.

Assistant City Prosecutor Mercedes Panamora dismissed the case after she denied a motion from the complainants, lawyers Raymund Fortun and Crispin Remulla.

The case stemmed from a case filed by Fortun and Remulla claiming that Desierto had allegedly forged the signature of his estranged wife, Elizabeth, on documents on the sale of a house and lot in Marikina in February 1996.

The case was recommended dismissed by assistant city prosecutor Dindo Venturanza. Fortun and Remulla filed a motion for reconsideration which the court has now dismissed.

Venturanza said that the complaint-affidavit of Fortun and Remulla showed that they were not the offended parties in the case and therefore did not have the right to file the complaint against Desierto.

He said the complainants had no participation in the execution and documentation of the deed of absolute sale that was being questioned, nor did they stand to benefit or be damaged and prejudiced if the deed of sale were to be declared as falsified.

It was learned that during the preliminary investigation of the case, Fortun and Remulla failed to submit documents to show that the signature of Elizabeth Desierto had been forged.

They also failed to present the original copy of the allegedly falsified deed of absolute sale, which was needed to determine probable cause. *Tina Santos*

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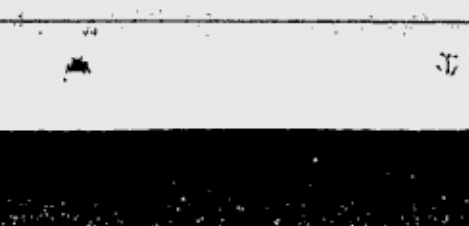
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"The steward thought to himself: 'What am I to do now? My master will surely dismiss me. I am not strong enough to do hard work, and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I will do: I must make sure that when I am dismissed, there will be some people to welcome me into their house.'

"So he called his master's debtors one by one. He asked the first who came: 'How much do you owe my master?' The reply was: 'A hundred jars of oil.'

"The steward said: 'Here is your bill. Sit down quickly and write there fifty.' To the second he put the same question: 'How much do you owe?' The answer was: 'A thousand bushels of wheat.' Then he said: 'Take your bill and write eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the people of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the people of light."

Commentary

"Render an account of your service for it is about to be terminated." I believe in the philosophy of stewardship rather than ownership. When people believe in absolute ownership, they do whatever they like with what they have be it their lives, their families or material possessions. Some people live as if they owe their lives to no one. Some parents live as if they own their children and make decisions for their careers. Still some individuals live as if ownership of land is absolute, as if they created the land. The correct view is that of stewardship. We are merely humble stewards, trusted managers and we have to account before the true owner, God, because a day is coming when our stewardship will be over.

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Crime victims bewail delay of cases

By Margaux Ortiz

"WHILE our revered institutions clobber each other in the interest of pride and co-equality, our cases continue to languish in court."

The Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) yesterday said crime victims nationwide were complaining the current crisis in government brought about by the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide has delayed the delivery of justice.

"This is because our honorable judges, lawyers and court employees are out in the streets either supporting or denouncing the impeachment of Chief Justice Davide," the VACC said in a statement.

The non-government organization, led by founding chair Dante Jimenez, chair Lauro Vizconde, president Martin Diño and vice president Cory Quirino, said at a press conference yesterday in Makati City that VACC members had been calling up the past few weeks.

"They are feeling restless about the delays in their cases because of the present crisis," Jimenez said.

"Some even warned us they were seriously thinking of withdrawing their cases in court and taking the law into their own hands," he said.

Jimenez said the present crisis has resulted in the "suffering of countless and nameless crime victims nationwide."

Diño, on the other hand, said that until yesterday the organization had been mum on the issue.

"But we now feel the need to speak up because of our unfortunate countrymen who are counting on the efficiency of the justice system to reclaim their lives," Diño said.

He said they were deeply saddened by the maneuverings of certain congressmen who were out to destroy government institutions in order to avenge recent Supreme Court decisions that affected their patrons and political allies.

He said some of the decisions Davide and the SC came up with involved the coconut levy funds, the Marcos ill-gotten wealth, the constitutionality of the GMA presidency and the Kuratong Baleleng multiple murder case.

"While the victims of heinous crimes continue to fight and hope for justice in their cases, our leaders in Congress appear to be making a parody of our revered institutions in the name of politics," Diño said.

The VACC officers also called on the members of Congress to pass a law that would stop the abuse of the people's money by letting the Commission on Audit scrutinize all public funds.

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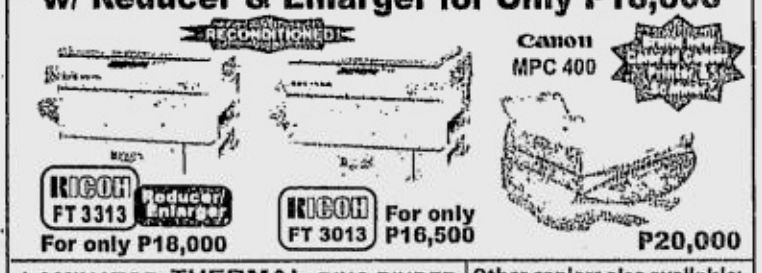

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Gen. Narciso Abaya said the markers, which are inscribed with "Chinese characters," were seen near unoccupied shoals and reefs in the South China Sea chain, which are claimed in whole or in part by Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

"We don't know what is written in the markers. We monitor all these things so that if there is a structure that is being constructed, we would be able to prevent (it)," Abaya said after flying over a Spratly island garrisoned by Filipino troops.

He said Chinese oceanographic ships and frigates have also been monitored in the Spratlys, with the last sighting in September.

"The oceanographic ships are used for research, determine the tidal currents, etc. And of course the frigates are armed and its just a show of force."

Abaya said the Philippines remained confident that China and the other claimants would stick to a "status quo agreement" in which all have vowed refrain from moves that could trigger armed conflict in the area. *AFP*

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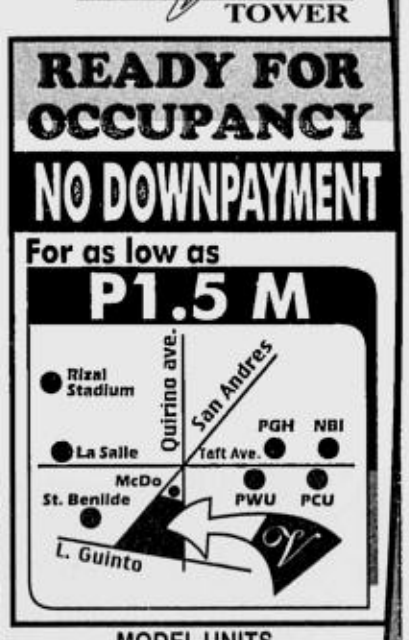

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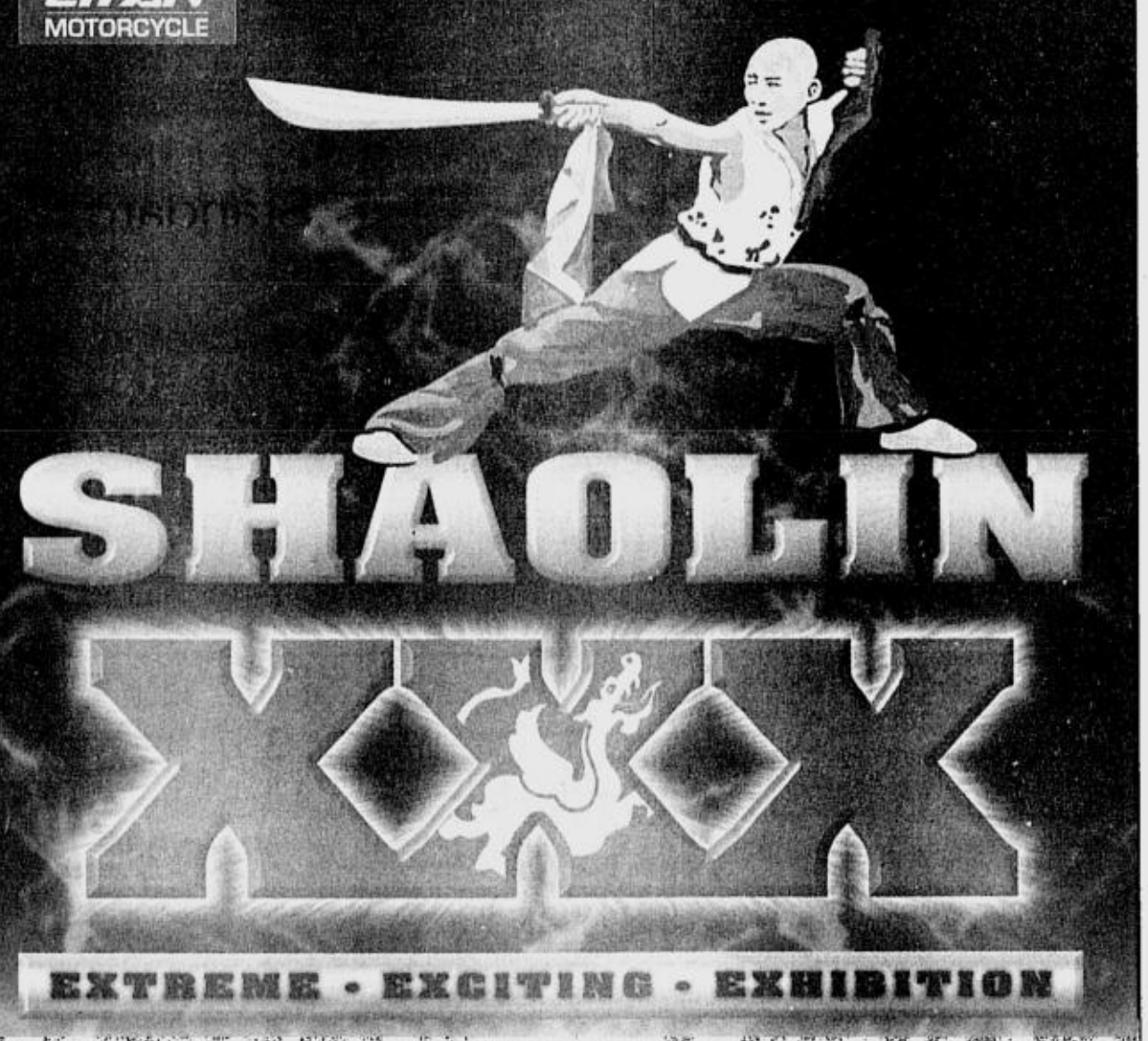

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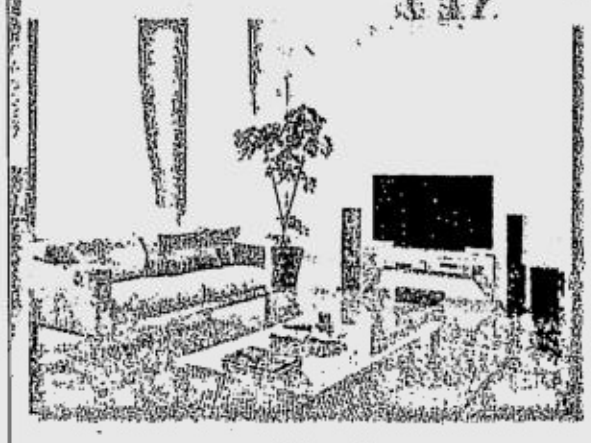

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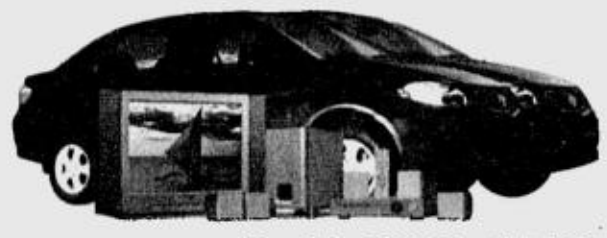

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Laborer admits strangling 48 women in US

SEATTLE, Washington—A US truck painter Wednesday admitted murdering 48 mostly teenage prostitutes and runaways, earning him the grisly title of the most prolific serial killer in American history.

Gary Ridgway, 54, confessed to strangling the women in a murder spree that began 21 years ago, under a deal with prosecutors that will spare him the death penalty.

"I killed so many women, I have a hard time keeping them straight," Ridgway said in a statement read in court in this northwestern US city.

Ridgway stood with his head bowed but showed no signs of remorse as prosecutor Jeff Baird read the statement.

"I agree that each of the murders I committed was part of a common scheme or plan," it said. "The plan was, I wanted to kill as many women I thought were prostitutes as I possibly could.

"I picked prostitutes as my victims because I hate most prostitutes and I did not want to pay them for sex," the statement said, adding that he felt his victims would not be reported missing immediately, if at all.

"I picked prostitutes because I thought I could kill as many of them as I wanted to without getting caught."

Ridgway then answered "guilty" in a calm and emotionless tone to 48 charges of premeditated aggravated murder.

The bodies of the women were dumped close to the Green River and the throughout the two-decade hunt, the murderer became known as the "Green River Killer."

He was arrested in November 2001 and was charged with seven of the murders committed around Seattle between July 1982 and February 1984.

His arrest came after the discovery of fresh DNA evidence that was not available when he was first questioned as a suspect in the killings in 1984.

Ridgway originally pleaded not guilty. But it emerged last week that prosecutors had struck a deal in the case, despite pledges not to do so.

The suburban laborer admitted to killing most of his victims in his house and some in his truck before dumping them along a river bank in what he described as "clusters" of bodies which he would later drive past.

RIDGWAY

"In most cases I did not know their names," the former US Navy sailor said in his statement. "It was the first time I met them."

Ridgway was expected to be sentenced to life in prison without parole under the deal signed June 13.

Judge Richard Jones said he would sentence Ridgway, who has been co-operating with authorities in locating the bodies of victims, in about six months to allow further investigation.

The court was filled with observers and relatives of the dead women—some of them weeping—as the case finally appeared to be drawing to a close.

Ridgway, who was married three times and has 28-year-old son, has reportedly confessed to at least two murders that had not originally been attributed to the Green River killer and said some believed to be the serial murderer's handiwork were not committed by him.

The plea bargain stunned relatives of the murdered women, who were furious a deal had been struck with one of the most notorious killers in American history.

"He got what he wanted—it's disgusting," said Jose Malvar, brother of victim Marie Malvar, of the plea deal that will allow Ridgway to escape the death penalty.

"He's an animal he doesn't deserve another day to live."

"It was horrible for him to sit there and admit the way he murdered my daughter," said Joan Mackie, the mother of victim Cindy Smith. "I won't forgive him, he needs death." *AFP*

Reports: Iraq offered deal days before war

WASHINGTON—Just days before US-led forces invaded Iraq, officials claiming to speak for a frantic Iraqi regime made a last-ditch effort to avert the war, but US officials rebuffed the overture, according to news reports.

An influential adviser to the Pentagon received a secret message from a Lebanese-American businessman indicating that Saddam Hussein wanted to make a deal, ABC News and The New York Times reported Wednesday evening.

The chief of the Iraqi Intelligence Service and other Iraqi officials had told the businessman that they wanted Washington to know that Iraq no longer had weapons of mass destruction and offered to let American troops and experts do an independent search, the Times said. The Iraqi officials also offered to hand over a man accused of being involved in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing who was being held in Baghdad.

Messages from Baghdad, first relayed by the businessman in February to an analyst in the office of Douglas Feith, the undersecretary of defense for policy and planning, were part of an attempt by Iraqi officers to persuade the Bush administration to open talks through a clandestine channel, people involved in the discussion told the Times.

The attempts were portrayed by Iraqi officials as having Saddam's endorsement, but it was not clear if American officials viewed them as legitimate.

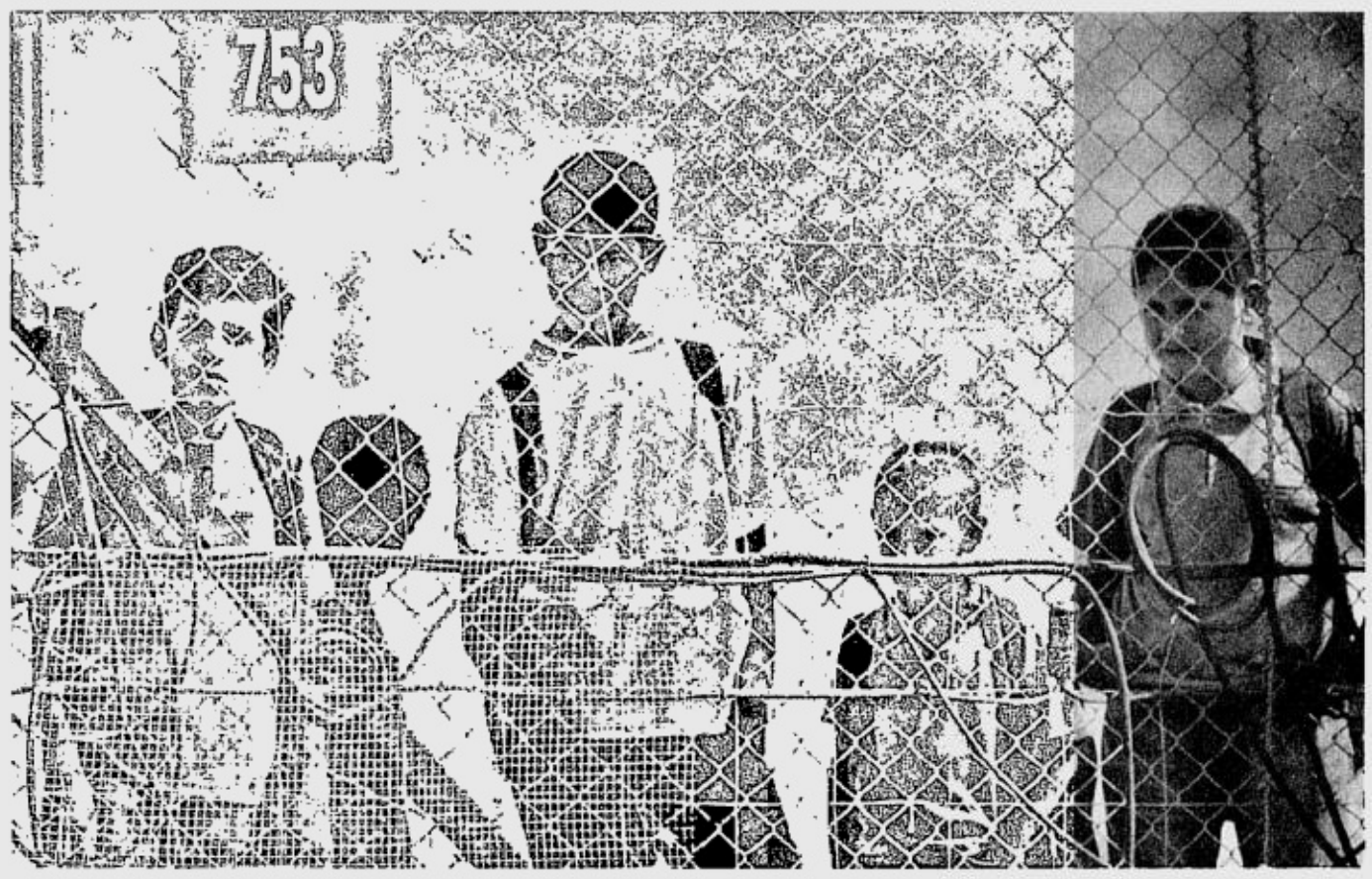
In early March, Richard Perle, an adviser to top Pentagon officials, reportedly met in London with the Lebanese-American businessman, Imad Hage. According to both men, Hage laid out the Iraqis' position and pressed the Iraqi request for a direct meeting with Perle or other US representatives.

Perle said the CIA authorized his meeting with the Iraqis, but he said CIA officials eventually told him they didn't want to pursue the channel.

The Times quoted internal Pentagon e-mails from Mike Maloof, the analyst in Feith's office, to an aide to Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, outlining the Iraqi overtures. It was unclear, however, if top officials at the Pentagon pursued the matter. Maloof, who lost his security clearance over another issue, is on paid administrative leave from the Pentagon.

Hage previously lived in suburban Washington, where he started an insurance company. He moved to Lebanon in the 1990s and has been trying for 10 years to break into politics there but so far with little success.

He could not be reached immediately in Lebanon for comment. *AP*



PALESTINIAN schoolchildren that had come from their school located in the northern West Bank village of Al Ras wait behind the separation fence Israel is building, to be allowed back to their village of Jubara, near the city of Tulkarem, Nov. 4. Dozens of children between the ages of 6 and 15 waited after school in the hot midday sun, some for more than an hour, until soldiers let them cross back into the village. AP

Sri Lanka leader tightens grip; no unrest in Colombo

COLOMBO—Sri Lankan security forces were armed with sweeping powers under a state of emergency that took effect Thursday as President Chandrika Kumaratunga tightened her grip on the government, officials said.

Troops were given powers to detain suspects for extended periods, a day before Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was due to return to weather the turmoil at home after talks in Washington on the island's peace process.

Kumaratunga's office said only that she declared the state of emergency for "administrative and logistical reasons." There were no signs of unrest on the streets as people in Colombo went about their daily work.

The crisis was triggered on Tuesday when Kumaratunga, who has long quarrelled with Wickremesinghe over his handling of the peace bid with Tamil rebels, sacked the ministers of defense, interior and information and suspended parliament until Nov. 12.

Kumaratunga effectively scuttled the annual budget which was to have been unveiled on Nov. 12 and sent the markets into a nosedive with the Colombo Stock Exchange shedding 20 percent in two days.

The last state of emergency collapsed together with a government headed by Kumaratunga's party which suffered defections in October 2001.

That led to fresh parliamentary elections two months later which saw her party defeated by Wickremesinghe's party. The president was elected separately to a six-year term that ends in December 2005.

Wickremesinghe, the rug pulled from under him as he was abroad, won an endorsement Wednesday of his "leadership" from President George W. Bush after the two met at the White House.

But Kumaratunga was tightening her grip on power at home.

She sacked top officials running the official radio and television stations and the main state-run publishing house and named her loyalists.

The government-controlled media immediately began reflecting Kumaratunga's point of view while sidelining the government of Wickremesinghe.

The Daily News put on its front page a supreme court ruling on the powers of the president saying: "President supreme in Lanka's defense." It also reported that a Kumaratunga appointee had taken over the newspaper company. *AFP*

Palestinian leaders seek to heal split

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Palestinian leaders will try Thursday to resolve a dispute holding up the formation of a new government that has already dragged into overtime, party sources said, after Israel announced the easing of its blockade of the West Bank.

The central committee of the mainstream Fatah movement met twice on Wednesday to end the impasse over the choice of a new interior minister, but both meetings, the second of which ended in the late evening, failed to find a solution, the sources said.

Another meeting, the third within 24 hours, would be held on Thursday morning, they added.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and prime minister Ahmed Qurei have been at loggerheads for several weeks over Qurei's choice of Nasr Yussef as interior minister, in an echo of a dispute which helped bring down the previous premier Mahmud Abbas.

The term of office for an emergency cabinet expired at midnight Tuesday but Arafat asked Qurei to stay at the helm of a caretaker government until a broader cabinet is approved.

Qurei sees the appointment of Yussef as vital for coming to grips with security in the Palestinian territories, but Arafat is still smarting from the general's refusal last month to join the emergency cabinet.

Neither side was showing signs of backing down, one senior Fatah source said.

The US state department said overnight that Qurei must be given control over all the security forces.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who returned overnight from a trip to Moscow, had planned to meet Qurei "within days" but the resumption of talks has been pushed back by the Palestinians' failure to form a government.

As both sides prepared for the eventual resumption of contacts, Israel announced Wednesday it was easing its blockade of Palestinian towns in the West Bank.

The army's chief of staff, General Moshe Yaalon, sparked fierce debate last week when he warned that the uncompromising nature of the occupation was fostering extremism.

"According to security assessments, the IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) decided to lift the encirclement around all Palestinian cities, except Jenin and Nablus," an army statement said.

Meanwhile, moves to launch an unofficial alternative Mideast peace plan, dubbed the Geneva initiative, were postponed indefinitely, the Swiss foreign ministry said Wednesday.

The initiative, which was put together by Palestinian intellectuals and Israeli left-wingers, was originally to be launched on Nov. 20. The delay was thought to be related to funding issues.

On the Lebanese front, Sharon is to ask his cabinet to decide Sunday on a prisoner exchange deal with the Lebanese Shiite militia Hezbollah, the prime minister's office said.

Meanwhile Israel, the target of countless motions by the UN General Assembly condemning its actions in the Palestinian territories, is planning to file within the next three weeks its own resolution on child victims of militant attacks. *AFP*

RIGHTEOUS Brothers, Bill Medley, right, and Bobby Hatfield, left, pose in this March 10, 2003, file photo. AP

Righteous Brothers' Bobby Hatfield dies at hotel at age 63

KALAMAZOO, Michigan—Bobby Hatfield, who with partner Bill Medley pioneered "blue-eyed soul" as the Righteous Brothers with hits like "Unchained Melody" and "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," died Wednesday night of undetermined causes at a hotel, his manager said. He was 63.

Hatfield's body was discovered in his bed at 7 p.m., a half-hour before the duo was to perform at Miller Auditorium on the Western Michigan University campus, manager David Cohen said.

"It's a shock, a real shock," Cohen said during a telephone interview. Medley, who teamed with Hatfield 42 years ago, was "broken up. He's not even coherent," Cohen said.

Hatfield's body was taken from the hotel about 10 p.m. directly to Lansing, where an autopsy was to be performed, Joe Hakim, an executive with the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, told the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Miller Auditorium executive director Bill Biddle told the audience at 7:05 p.m. that the 7:30 p.m. show had been canceled because of "a personal emergency of an unspecified nature." *AP*

4 ex-Rwanda ministers on trial for genocide

DAR ES SALAAM—Four former Rwandan ministers went on trial on Thursday charged with playing key roles in a 1994 genocide, including buying weapons and inciting the slaughter of about 800,000 people, a court spokesperson said.

The UN tribunal in the northern Tanzanian city of Arusha is keen to show progress in trying former top officials to counter Rwandan government criticism that it has been slow to bring the masterminds of the massacres to justice.

"The prosecutor (Paul Ng'Arua) is making his opening statement and explaining to the court exactly who these four people were in Rwanda in 1994," spokesperson Roland Amoussouga said by telephone.

"The prosecutor told the court the ministers had 'blazed a path throughout Rwanda that can only be described allegorically as the path of hell'," the spokesperson said.

"He said he would show that wherever these ministers went, acts of genocide and the displacement of Tutsi populations followed them," Amoussouga said.

The ministers belonged to an interim government that took power in April 1994 after a plane carrying President Juvenal Habyarimana was shot down just before the massacres began.

Three months later they were ousted by Tutsi-led rebels, but by then government-sponsored Hutu militants had killed an estimated 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus. *Reuters*

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SARS vaccine will take 2 years–WHO

GENEVA — Despite considerable progress in research, a vaccine against the deadly SARS virus will take at least two years to produce, the UN health agency said Wednesday.

"We must be ready to manage a possible resurgence of SARS through the control measures that work —surveillance, early diagnosis, hospital infection control, contact tracing and international reporting," said Lee Jong-wook, director general of the World Health Organization.

"Research must continue to determine if, how and how soon a vaccine will add to these existing control measures."

Lee was speaking following a conference of 50 researchers from more than 15 countries who considered the information available for the development of a vaccine and how the virus causes disease in humans.

First detected in China a year ago, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome spread to Hong Kong as well as to other parts of Asia and to Canada. It sickened more than 8,000 people and killed 774 last winter and spring, according to WHO figures.

The global outbreak was declared over in July, but scientists fear that there could be another outbreak of the disease over the next few months.

WHO said that if SARS reappears, a vaccine could be produced within two years. If there is no new outbreak, it likely will take four or five years.

"However urgent the need for a vaccine, safety and quality must never be compromised," said Dr. Marie-Paule Kieny, head of the WHO's Initiative for Vaccine Research.

"But, it is clear the sooner we can develop a vaccine against SARS the better prepared we will be in case the disease reappears." *AP*

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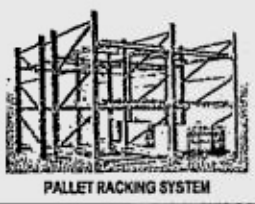
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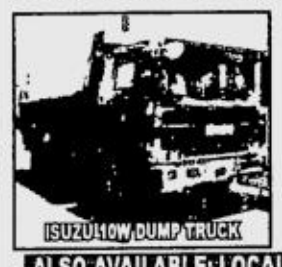
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Pro-Gringo 'Guardians'...

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his group, together with supporters of deposed President Joseph Estrada belonging to the People's Movement Against Poverty, would gather in Makati to denounce the meddling of Supreme Court justices in the right of the Lower House to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate.

Meddling

"It's very disheartening to note how the Supreme Court was trying to meddle in the issue of Davide's impeachment. We believe that the Supreme Court has no judicial power to lord it over Congress," Macahiya, a former columnist of the tabloid Kabayan, said in a cell phone interview.

Three groups monitored

Supporters of Estrada are among the three groups authorities are monitoring, according to an Army official. The two others are those linked to another prominent politician, and the key players in Edsa II who unseated Estrada in 2001 but have since had a falling-out with President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"It appears that they are trying to have an unholy alliance," the Army official told the INQUIRER yesterday. "It also appears that they are being backed by some retired generals."

A senior police official said he had been hearing about this supposed plot though details of the plan remained "hazy."

But Director Ricardo de Leon, Philippine National Police spokesperson, said the PNP was not monitoring any group in connection with fresh rumors of another coup.

Meeting in law office

As early as two weeks ago, the Army official said some units of the military learned that these groups had been "cooking up something" in anticipation of the constitutional crisis that might be triggered by the impeachment of Davide.

Some members of these groups were seen meeting at a law office somewhere in Quezon City, he said. "We're still trying to piece together the information that we've been getting," he said. "But at this point, we can only expect the worst."

Another piece of information pertained to destabilization efforts such as bomb attacks that might be staged by the groups "to paint a scenario of chaos and helplessness" on the part of the government, according to the source.

Close watch

He said authorities were closely watching what these groups would do beginning today until Tuesday during which rallies for and against Davide were expected to escalate.

Gen. Narciso Abaya, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, earlier said that certain individuals had advised him of the military's role should the standoff over the impeachment of Davide lead to political unrest.

Not surprising

Although Abaya's revelation was no longer surprising, "it highlighted once more the persistent presence of coup instigators outside and inside the fascist military establishment," Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, spokesperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines, said.

Rosal added: "If the AFP is really sincere in its campaign against coup plotters, Abaya should disclose the identities of the individuals that he's been meeting with."

He called on all progressive forces to unite to prevent a military takeover.

Discussion

Macahiya disclosed that he and Honasan had discussed "some points" regarding the looming coup d'etat by some restive military officers. He, however, refused to talk about other matters discussed at the meeting.

"Whatever we've discussed, it has nothing to do with our supposed participation in any coup d'état. We are against anything unconstitutional. I do not want to say anything about it so as not to preempt what the Senator (Honasan) has to say. But it's only about our security," he said.

Macahiya, Honasan and four other PGBI officers are facing charges of rebellion following their alleged participation in the July 27 Makati mutiny. ***With reports from Christian V. Esguerra in Manila and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

SC guard stops solon

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When House Minority Leader Carlos Padilla yesterday tried to enter the compound by flashing his ID, however, the security guard stopped him.

Padilla, one of the 85 signatories to the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., explained to the guard that he merely wanted to see for himself the controversial P34-million duplex that the Supreme Court had built out of the Judiciary Development Fund (JDF).

According to Padilla, the guard refused to open the gate and told him he must first secure a permit from court authorities before he could be allowed entry into the compound.

Tourist attraction

Apparently not wanting to debate with the guard about the power of oversight that the Constitution had vested in Congress, Padilla left without seeing what he described as Baguio's "newest tourist attraction."

Padilla admitted that he did not coordinate his visit with court authorities.

"Maybe after the trial," he said. "I just wanted to find out if allegations are correct that this building is luxurious."

Padilla and 84 of his colleagues are questioning the high court's decision to spend P34 million out of the JDF for the duplex. The 85 lawmakers identified with businessman Eduardo "Dancing" Cojuangco have taken to task Davide, administrator of the JDF, and filed an impeachment complaint against him.

HOPING to get to the root of the Davide impeachment, House Minority Leader Carlos Padilla wants to inspect the P34-million duplex in the Supreme Court compound in Baguio City but is barred entry. TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

The tribunal has explained there was nothing irregular about the construction of the duplex which, according to the court, was a replacement for two cottages in the compound that were destroyed in the 1990 earthquake.

Wrong signal

Members of the high court hold their summer sessions in the compound.

Even so, Padilla said he was confident that the remaining 85 lawmakers who signed the impeachment complaint would not withdraw their signatures before Nov. 10, the scheduled date of the transmittal of the complaint to the Senate.

He said he wanted the impeachment trial to proceed, explaining this would strengthen democracy. Stopping the impeachment trial would send a "wrong signal" to Filipinos, he added.

Padilla admitted he was not sure if Speaker Jose de Venecia would support the 85 signatories.

Hot and cold

"I'm hoping that it (complaint) will soon be transmitted. But it seems that Speaker Jose de Venecia is blowing hot and cold. It seems that his earlier position that the impeachment complaint should be transmitted to the Senate is changing," Padilla said.

"This should serve as a message that Congress is not sleeping on its job. This is not meddling in the affairs of a co-equal branch of government. We need a strong system of check and balance."

Padilla, who said he planned to run for senator next year, said he was ready to face the political consequences of his endorsement of the impeachment complaint.

Praise, hate

He said he had been receiving both praise and hate messages due to his endorsement. He showed reporters one of the hate messages he received in his mobile phone. It read: "Tang i_a mo, Padi. What happened to you? Shame on you!"

He said he had been receiving at least 50 hate messages a day since he endorsed the complaint. He didn't say, though, how many praises he had been receiving daily.

Padilla, a member of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, appealed for sobriety as emotions continued to run high over the impeachment complaint.

Palace work stops for 'chinovela' star

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get, feng shui-ed) hair, Yan easily eclipsed Ms Macapagal, whose own staff seemed to forget she was around. They fought to shake hands and take photographs with the star.

Unable to contain the chaos, the Presidential Security Group whisked the President away from the hall, cutting short her participation in the scheduled photo session. She was seen frowning.

No fainting

An hour before Yan's arrival, Palace protocol official Menchie Dulay had given strict, if entertaining, instructions for the welcomers: "*Bawal kiligin. 'Wag tayong magpahalata. Isa lang po ang ating ambulansya. 'Wag tayo sabay-sabay himatayin* (No swooning. Let us not be too obvious. We have only one ambulance. Let us not faint all at the same time)."

Dulay also reminded the crowd that if they asked for Yan's autograph, they would have to "show courtesy" to the President by also asking for hers.

Expectedly, the words fell on deaf ears. Ms Macapagal, Yan and his entourage never got to sit at the table prepared for them. At the sight of Yan, dressed in a black long-sleeved shirt and black slacks, a commotion broke out. Chanting "Dao Ming Si!" the crowd closed in, wielding digital cameras, cellphones with built-in cameras, and posters meant to be autographed.

Stunned and, according to a Palace official, scared by the mob, the actor followed Ms Macapagal out of the hall and into the adjacent state dining room, surrounded by security men.

Scored

Dulay admonished the crowd and threatened to cancel the photo session if they did not behave. After 10 minutes, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo came out and also called for order.

The fans, earlier assigned to five groups for the photo ops, were crammed into only two groups, reducing the session to one hour flat. No matter. The brief encounter left the welcomers ecstatic.

Shy, kind, handsome

"*Nalaglag ang* panty *ko* (my panties fell off)!," 19-year-old Shalimar Inao exclaimed, unflustered. Her mother Edith, a Palace employee, could only smile.

Twin brothers Carlo and Paulo Flores, sons of a senior Malacañang reporter, had skipped classes for the opportunity to see their idol up close. The shy Carlo was speechless after shaking hands with Yan; Paulo was more outspoken.

"He was more shy than we were. His hand was cold," the boy said.

The first group that posed for pictures with Yan at the Ceremonial Hall were children of Cabinet members.

Orphans, indigents

Earlier, nine orphans from Asilo and Caritas, five Philippine General Hospital cancer patients, and indigent children receiving support from the First Gentleman were allowed to join Ms Macapagal and Yan during the courtesy call. They also had individual photos taken with the star.

Yan cuddled nine-year-old Marie Joy Guevarra, who wears artificial legs, during her turn. A grade four pupil at the Legarda Elementary School, Marie Joy had been nearly crushed in the melee. "*Kinarga po (ako), masaya* (He picked me up; it felt good)," she said.

"*Mabait* (kind)," was how Rossell Badajos, 17, one of the cancer patients, described the actor. Yan shook her hand and said, "Hi," Rossell told the INQUIRER.

Michelle Daniel, 18, another cancer patient, said she was very happy to meet Yan, although her personal favorite was Mei Zhou, or Vanness in the series.

Ricky Reyes said some of the children, beneficiaries of his charity foundation, vowed to not take a bath for days to preserve the memory of the encounter.

No politics

The First Gentleman said Yan spoke very little English, and had brought an interpreter for the "casual talk" with Ms Macapagal.

"The President told him he was very popular here and he said, 'Thank you'," Arroyo recounted. "He was very happy."

Yan was also "very handsome," Arroyo said. But he brushed off questions of the actor possibly helping in Ms Macapagal's campaign.

"*Walang politika dyan* (no politics there)," he stressed.

Assistant Secretary Abel de Leon of the Office of the President said the actor also held the First Couple's grandchild, Mikaela Gloria, who turned a year old yesterday.

Aside from the fans, Palace officials and workers were likewise in a show biz mood.

Journalists laughed when Press Secretary Milton Alingod playfully parted the curtain before the guest arrived, and showed his face to the waiting crowd.

Like schoolgirls

When they got near the star, female Malacañang reporters giggled like schoolgirls.

Bunye was beside himself as well, taking pictures of Yan with his cell phone and saying, "For my secretary." He confessed, however, that he watched "Meteor Garden" whenever he could. He later canceled his usual press briefing.

Gina de Venecia wore denims and brought a photo for Yan to autograph.

Gina likes dimples

"I like his dimples," she said unabashedly. Her son Philip is also a model for Bench, the biggest Philippine apparel company, which reportedly paid Yan P14 million to visit the country.

Malacañang had a caterer serve snacks at the Ceremonial Hall, which was unusual—and unnecessary, it turned out, as the food was hardly touched.

A radio reporter shook his head in disbelief. "*Ang mga Pinoy talaga, artista lang ang katapat, nakakalimutan lahat* (give Pinoys a star and they forget everything)," he said, and turned to Bunye. "*Kaya mananalo talaga si* FPJ (that's why FPJ will win)."

The President's spokesperson just smiled, giving no indication that the remark had fazed him.

Court employees...

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even registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Flores said it was Philconcea, umbrella group of 12 court employees' associations nationwide, that included all the rank-and-file employees of the judiciary. And the group has thrown its support behind the Chief Justice, she said.

Red shirts

Aceap earlier put its membership at "nearly 20,000." They are expected to wear red shirts today as a form of protest.

Rafael said Aceap decided to go on mass leave because of the efforts to stop Davide's impeachment.

"If the [impeachment process] were not sabotaged, there would have been no crisis. No one would have been hurt," she said, adding that she was referring to the House of Representatives' adjournment of the session on Oct. 28 without transmitting the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate.

Rafael also said Aceap was not siding with anybody but wanted to know "the truth" about the JDF disbursements.

She said Aceap was not withdrawing support from Davide because its members had never "said" that they were supporting him.

But she added: "I believe that the Chief Justice has answers to all these inquiries."

Mass leave

Rafael said court employees in Quezon City, Pasay, Makati, Pasig, Manila and Caloocan would go on mass leave. She said some Aceap members in the provinces went on leave last Monday.

She also said those going on leave would get the permission of their executive judges, if they had not already done so, and a skeleton staff would be left so as not to disrupt court proceedings.

Violation of rules

Flores said Philconcea members would not join the protest actions because this would violate civil service rules.

In a statement, Philconcea said the allegations of JDF misuse were not true because the fund had been "prudently managed and the allowances distributed strictly in accordance with the mandates of the law creating it.

"The impeachment complaint has no specific basis but was merely prompted by a small group of disgruntled court personnel who believed that they were left out in the recent upgrading of the salaries of judges and justices," the group said.

Penalties

Supreme Court Administrator Presbitero Velasco Jr. warned that civil service rules prohibited court employees from joining mass actions without approval, especially if the protests would disrupt government services.

According to Velasco, first offenders face suspension of six months to one year.

He pointed out that the prayer rally held for Davide by court employees on Oct. 26 was conducted during the lunch break. He said the prayer rally did not affect court operations because the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and the Philippine Bar Association had urged their members not to hold hearings on that day.

And those who scheduled court hearings on that day went on with the proceedings, Velasco added.

Family conference

In Bacolod City, the Coalition of Trial Court Employees is asking the Chief Justice to call a nationwide "family" conference with representatives of court employees' organizations to discuss the JDF.

Corte president Rainelio Tolentino said the demand of court employees for higher wages would also be taken up during the conference.

"With a satisfactory settlement, the court employees can request the congressmen to withdraw the impeachment complaint against Davide, to end the impasse and avert a constitutional crisis," he said.

Tolentino said this proposal was based on the suggestion of Bacolod lawyer Joel Dojillo. He and Dojillo faxed separate letters to Davide yesterday to call for a dialogue between the Chief Justice and representatives of the court employees.

Solution mechanics

In his letter, Dojillo said he was willing to serve as a consultant to both parties to set up the mechanism for an ideal solution.

"Without the complaint from the court employees, there would have been no compelling reason for the congressmen to pursue the impeachment. They will have found a face-saving way out," Dojillo said.

He said it would not be difficult for the congressmen who signed the impeachment complaint to withdraw their signatures, or even the complaint itself, if the basis for initiating the impeachment were removed.

Congressmen belonging to the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) of businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco initiated the second impeachment complaint against Davide.

They claimed that they filed the complaint in behalf of employees aggrieved over JDF disbursements.

Family problem

Dojillo said the controversy over the JDF started out as a "simple family problem within the judiciary."

"But apparently, because the Chief Justice failed to attend to it, it reached a point where the members of his family opted to seek outside help," the lawyer said.

He said the obvious solution to the problem would be for the court employees to withdraw their complaint on the JDF, thus removing the principal reason for the filing of the impeachment complaint.

About 900 court employees in Negros Occidental went on a week-long mass leave starting Monday to demand a salary increase. They plan to return to work on Monday next week.

Court operations remained hampered even if 50 percent of the rank-and-file employees went to work yesterday, said Executive Judge Pepito Gellada of the Negros Occidental Regional Trial Court.

Gellada reiterated his call for court employees to return to work: "Their message has been delivered, so it is about time they returned to work and served the public."

According to Gellada, court hearings scheduled yesterday and today have been canceled, not because of the mass leave but because of the request of the IBP, which is holding a mandatory continuing legal education seminar for all lawyers on those days.

Manifesto

In General Santos City, RTC judges and members of the IBP-Socsksargen (South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani and General Santos) chapter issued a manifesto saying that Davide's impeachment was unconstitutional and would destroy Philippine democratic institutions.

Among those who signed the manifesto were acting Executive Judge Oscar Dinopol, RTC Branch 23 Judge Jaime Quitain, retired Judge Jose Majaducon, chief city prosecutor Edilberto Jamora and IBP-Socsksargen president Tomas Jacobo.

Pangasinan

In Pangasinan, court employees asked to be heard in the impeachment complaint against Davide, saying it was supposed to be for their benefit that the case was initiated.

"A lot of (court) employees are affected by the impeachment since their allowances are involved, but the politicians are discussing the issue, and nobody is minding us," said Jeffrey Catungal, deputy clerk of court.

Catungal said the employees wanted to know if 80 percent of the JDF was indeed spent to pay for their allowances.

"If the JDF was divided in such a way that only 20 percent go to us and 80 percent goes to other projects, then (Davide) must be investigated, but this must be based on the Commission on Audit findings," he said. ***With a report from Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

'Even if the President has to call out the army'

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Ex-Solicitor General Francisco Chavez said the court need not worry if the House refuses to yield to the court, in the event the SC decides the second impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. was unconstitutional.

"She is the Chief Executive. She should enforce the rule of law. She has all the powers. She could have it served through the military and the police," Chavez said.

The incumbent solicitor general, Alfredo Benipayo, also urged the tribunal to rule on the issue to end the constitutional crisis, which he said has "shaken the foundation of government."

Senate President Franklin Drilon had earlier said the Senate would honor the SC decision, and urged the Court to rule on or before Monday, when the House resumes its session.

Senate caucus

Lawyer Oscar Yabes, the Senate secretary, formally urged the Court to rule on the matter as soon as possible. He said senators would have a caucus at around lunchtime on Monday.

"Tell the Senate President that we will try our best," said Senior Associate Justice Josue Bellosillo, the presiding justice at the hearings.

But under questioning from the justices, Yabes admitted that he was representing Drilon's position. Sen. Aquilino Pimentel told the Court yesterday that the constitutional crisis would worsen if the SC ruled on the case.

No one from House

But Yabes said that although the Senate was a collegial body, Drilon, being the Senate President, had "his way of doing things." He added that "nobody wants a constitutional crisis."

At the end of the hearings, Bellosillo said, "Thank you for sacrificing with us. All for the country," before banging the gavel.

He had asked out loud, for the record, if somebody was present who represented the House, one of the respondents in the case. There was no one. The House leadership had decided not to send a representative to highlight its stand that it was beyond the Court's jurisdiction.

Among the last to argue was Chavez, one of the 15 petitioners who asked the Court to nullify Davide's impeachment by the House.

Chavez urged the Court to immediately rule on the case since it had jurisdiction over it.

Don't wait for history

"We cannot wait for history to present to us a solution," Chavez said.

He said that the real target of the impeachment was the entire Supreme Court and he said that the tribunal should defend itself by being true to the Constitution.

Benipayo said the Court had "the responsibility to act, and to act fast."

He said the crisis was worsening the country's deteriorating economic and political situation.

"I beseech this court to decide and decide properly. Show that the government is a government of laws, not of men—some men who make laws," Benipayo said.

Lawyer Romulo Macalintal also said that the Court should strike down Davide's impeachment because it was defective. He said that only Representatives Wimpy Fuentebella and Guilbert Teodoro and Felix William Fuentebella signed it as complainants.

NPC solons fear lack of quorum on Nov. 10

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Davide groups were asking congressmen to absent themselves on Monday.

Party-list, too

Angping said NPC lawmakers were "convincing our colleagues to show up and attend the session."

"This goes not only for congressmen representing legislative districts but also party-list legislators," he said. "It's time that the House deals with this issue as one body."

Angping said the transmittal of the complaint was not only a matter of concern for those who endorsed it but also to those who opposed it.

He noted that, according to the Constitution, the transmittal of the Articles is only a ministerial duty of the House once the chamber had secured the endorsement of at least one-third of its members.

"There is no choice left for the House as a body (but) to transmit the Articles of Impeachment," Angping said.

NPC spokesperson Rep. Francis Escudero (Sorsogon) said his party, which is part of the ruling coalition in the House, wants to forge an agreement about how the session will be handled on Monday not only with Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. but also with other blocs in the House.

"We want that the session be held (in an) orderly (manner) and that we don't have to fight among ourselves," Escudero said.

Duavit said the "sickness of absenteeism" seemed to be afflicting congressmen "on the other side of the aisle."

He said: "I wish them the best of health so that no one will call in sick on Monday. I can give them Vitamin C pills to increase their defenses so they will be healthy and strong on Monday."

"I hope that when the House performs that constitutional act in what JDV calls the 'chapel of democracy,' the Batasan will not be empty," he added.

The rules of the House provide that the complaint must be transmitted to the Senate within three session days. Monday's session will be the third day since the complaint was filed with the House secretary general.

Asked what would happen if the transmittal were defeated by the withdrawal of signatures, House Minority Leader Rolex Suplico sketched two alternatives. One is that regardless of the withdrawals, the complaint would be transmitted since the impeachment process had already started when more than 76 congressmen signed it.

The other is that the complaint would be remanded to the committee on justice to complete its investigation into the Judiciary Development Fund.

Duavit said he did not believe that the impeachment debate was actually causing a crisis in the country because economic indicators did not show this.

"This is just part of our system of growing up and maturing. I'm confident that we'll get through this better as a country in the end," Duavit added.

On Oct. 28, Rep. Rodolfo Plaza (NPC, Agusan del Sur) started reading a motion of transmittal but was cut short by pro-Davide congressmen who questioned the quorum.

After a roll call established that only 62 congressmen were present, the presiding officer, Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez, suddenly adjourned the session until Nov. 10.

House 'exaggerated' high court spending

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accounting disputes. Why impeach on the account of this? When in history has this ever happened," she asked. The JDF is administered by the Chief Justice.

Cash flow analysis

Sereno said her group, which includes some accountants and law students, conducted the study using a "cash flow analysis" of the JDF remittances from the more 1,000 courts around the country. A cash flow analysis shows the income and expenses of an agency and shows whether it is "living" below its means.

Money for the JDF comes from part of the fees paid by litigants when filing cases in court. The money is deposited in a Landbank account while a computation is furnished to the High Court, according to Sereno. The fund is then released monthly based on the 80-20 sharing scheme, she said.

Eighty percent of the fund goes to the cost of living allowances of court employees and 20 percent to the refurbishing of courts nationwide.

"What the congressman should not have done was include the ending balance of an accounting period to the starting balance of the next period. If you do that, you would have a wrong computation of the JDF. They should have used a cash flow analysis," she said.

Heated debate

Sereno said the congressmen blew the issue out of proportion.

"They exaggerated all of this. They say they have the power of the purse, but this is an extreme. All they could have done was to ask the COA (Commission on Audit). This is an accounting confusion, not an impeachment scenario. All we have to do is ask the COA how can we be assured the 80 percent went to the Cola," Sereno said.

She added that no one commissioned her group to conduct the study, which it started around two weeks ago. The group, Sereno said, examined COA reports and financial reports and memorandum orders from the High Court.

At the forum, Camarines Sur Rep. Felix William "Wimpy" Fuentebella and Rizal Rep. John Michael "Jack" Duavit enumerated the alleged overpriced acquisitions of the Supreme Court, like the court chairs worth around P200,000 each.

Heated debate

But Sereno rose to say that the figures the congressmen had seen were "only proposals." She even engaged forum host, journalist Tony Lopez in a heated debate in front of the cameras.

In a talk with reporters after the forum, Sereno said there were "big political and business interests" behind the impeachment of Davide. "This is the first time there is a closure of the coco levy case worth more than P200 billion," she said.

The law professor noted that there was "a very aggressive fight in every forum," which, she said, was "a signal to anybody that you don't go against vested interests."

She pointed to parties involved in the Kuratong Baleleng, Estrada, PEA-Amari, Piatco and the Marcos ill-gotten wealth cases as those who are bearing down on the Chief Justice.

"For the first time, we have an activist and reformist court. But when it went against large interests, it is being squeezed," Sereno said.

"Impeachment is a strong and extreme remedy for something like this. Its like using a hammer on your head because your fingernail hurts," Sereno said.

She said the Supreme Court should be the final arbiter of the impeachment issue even though the Chief Justice was being impeached.

Sereno cited Article 8, Section 1 of the Constitution, which says that the Supreme Court has the duty to hear matters of law and to act on petitions.

"If it did not act on the petitions for the temporary restraining order on the impeachment, the High Court would be abdicating its duty stipulated in the Constitution," she said.

Wimpy apologizes ...

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She also belied the statements of those who said her audit report was favorable to Davide because she was related to the Chief Justice.

"How can that be when I am from Surigao del Norte and Davide is from Cebu?" she said.

Witness

The 45-year-old auditor reiterated that she was not a respondent but a witness to three graft cases lodged against officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The cases involve "ghost" deliveries of water pipes amounting to P52 million from 1992 to 1994, which she and her audit team uncovered at the DPWH in 1996, Caga-anan said.

Fuentebella, one of the two principal proponents of the second impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. for alleged misuse of the JDF, said he had never insinuated that Caga-anan was the accused in those cases.

"She has a case" implied that she was the accused, though I never said she was the accused. Nonetheless, my apologies," said the 28-year-old lawmaker nicknamed Wimpy.

He also said Caga-anan had been helpful in the investigation of the House committee on justice and for this, he and his group were thankful.

"All the papers we have came from her," the lawmaker said "It's understandable that it was not going to be easy for her to discipline the Supreme Court. That was why she and other COA officials present at the hearing said they would leave the interpretation of the COA report to us."

He said he sympathized with Caga-anan and her family. He added that she probably felt harassed by his statement reminding her that she was under oath when she testified before the House committee on justice, which had initially looked into the disbursements of the multibillion-peso JDF.

Caga-anan had earlier asked Fuentebella to spare her family from personal attacks, saying these were taking a toll on her two daughters.

Thankful

Fuentebella said he phoned Caga-anan on Wednesday and tried to explain that it would be difficult for him to accuse the Chief Justice without the proper forum—the Senate sitting as an impeachment court.

This is why it is necessary that the impeachment complaint reach the Senate on Nov. 10 for trial, as lawmakers agreed last week in a multiparty caucus, he said.

Unfortunate

Fuentebella said it was unfortunate that the debate on the Davide impeachment had resulted in certain incidents, such as the pro and anti-impeachment rallies and the slapping by a Manila court judge of his subordinate over the issue.

"I don't think that is necessary," he said. "As far as we are concerned, there's no way for the impeachment complaint to go but up."

Fuentebella said he and his group would now go directly to the people to explain the issue.

He said they would not let anyone diminish their objective of giving justice to the court employees supposedly shortchanged of their share in the JDF.

Asked if he was bothered by attacks on his person for pushing for the impeachment complaint, Fuentebella said: "Of course. This is not my idea of national fame."

Closing ranks

COA employees are closing ranks behind Caga-anan, who provided Fuentebella with the documents that he later used in the impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice.

A number of COA employees interviewed by the INQUIRER said they were praying that Caga-anan would weather the storm.

"She personifies all of us—honest, hard-working auditors who are doing their jobs with no fanfare. You tell her that we are fully behind her," said an employee at the COA central office in Quezon City.

Gag order

Another middle-level employee said: "Many of us are honest like Caga-anan, but people generally view COA auditors as corrupt because of the sins of the few."

But all those who voiced support for Caga-anan asked that they not be named. They cited an order issued by top COA officials barring them from commenting on her report.

Nevertheless, they said they were glad that the INQUIRER recognized their colleagues in the COA—Edna Saluguban, Elena Agustin, Raquel Gorgonio, Magdalena Soriano, Angelita Aquino, Ludy de Leon, Imuminada Vaflor Fabrea and Cheryl Apalisoc—who recently won the Civil Service Commission's Pag-Asa ng Bayan Awards.

Saving billions

The auditors, now known as the "Powerpuff Girls" of COA, uncovered alleged accounting distortions in Meralco and several provincial electric cooperatives.

"Let's stop trivializing the COA as an agency engaged only in *'kuha nang kuha'* or 'commission *nang* commission," said COA spokesperson Juanito Recio.

He said the COA was saving the government billions of pesos through the competence and honesty of most of its auditors.

"More or less, this strengthens the justification for the existence of the COA," said Recio, even as he lamented the negative perception of the agency that, he said, had been prevalent "from generation to generation."

SC told law 'superior' even to Davide

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the crisis, and declare the second impeachment complaint as unconstitutional for violating the one-complaint-a-year ban on impeachment cases.

Baterina and Gonzalez did not represent the House, but appeared before the tribunal since they had filed one of the six petitions seeking to block the impeachment.

Snub

The House, for the second day, snubbed the oral arguments.

When Associate Justice Reynato Puno asked if the lower chamber could still "cure the defects" of the impeachment complaint by calling for a suspension of the House rules to reexamine the complaint, Baterina and Gonzalez said no.

They informed the court that the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment was already in order, and Gonzalez said the only way to block it was for the House to "lose a quorum ... which I doubt (would happen) on Monday." *(See banner story, Page A1.)*

Before the lawmakers made their arguments, two University of the Philippines law deans asked the court to refrain from ruling on the constitutionality of the impeachment, unless the Senate denied moves to have the impeachment complaint quashed.

Raul Pangalangan, the current UP College of Law dean, and Pacifico Agabin, the former dean, said that while the court had jurisdiction over the case, it should wait and let the legislature resolve the issue.

Pimentel argued that only the House and the Senate could "untangle" the constitutional issues surrounding the second impeachment complaint against Davide.

He urged the justices to "come to grips with certain realities that cannot be changed by theoretical ... or legal argumentation," and allow Congress to proceed with the impeachment process.

Associate Justice Artemio Panganiban admitted it would be awkward for the court to rule on an issue which would eventually benefit the Chief Justice.

Awkward

"There's a little bit of awkwardness. (But) if we agree with you (Pimentel), the court will be ... running away from its duty," he stressed.

But the senator warned that a ruling on the matter would put the SC in a bind.

To convince the tribunal to exercise a hands-off policy at this point, Pimentel said that "it's the moral integrity of the decisions that will carry the day for the SC. Don't put yourself in a situation where they are many questions (on the ruling)."

He said that even though his counterparts in the House had "jurassic thinking of these things," the SC should trust Congress to find a solution to the impasse.

Panganiban, before posing questions, thanked Pimentel for appearing before the court, and before the senator sat down, the justice said: "Your views will be taken into account."

Calming

Corona described Pimentel as "reasonable" and a "calming personality in the Senate."

He said it was wrong for the SC to come in and tell the House, "You are wrong."

"We need not go through it," said the senator, who admitted that what prompted him to intervene was to prevent military adventurists from taking advantage of the situation.

He assured the justices that Davide would be given a fair trial in the Senate, prompting Panganiban to say, "Thank you for that assurance."

Pimentel then admitted that his advocacy was a "little hardline,"saying the SC would trigger the "constitutional confrontation" if it decided to intervene.

Pimentel also made formal his earlier claim that the Senate, sitting as an impeachment court, was higher that the Supreme Court which, thus, had no jurisdiction over questions related to impeachment cases proceedings.

"It is submitted that the SC does not have the power, authority or the jurisdiction to tell the House that it erred in the initiating of the impeachment proceeding under question," he said.

Answer with SC

That the signatories to the impeachment complaint had thrashed the proposed tripartite covenant raised by President Macapagal-Arroyo, Gonzalez reasoned, was the best argument for the court to exercise its power of judicial review.

"I see no opportunity for resolution except the intervention of the court," Gonzalez said.

He explained that although the Senate, sitting as an impeachment court, could correct the errors of the House, the Senate's interpretation of the constitutional provision on impeachment "can't bind the nation."

The upper chamber could not supplant the SC's power (to review grave abuse of discretion in government), said Gonzalez, who urged the court to "define the limits of what the Senate can do."

He insisted that the Articles of Impeachment were "invalid and unenforceable" because the first impeachment complaint against Davide and seven other justices "is already initiated."

Saying let the "hammer fall" on pro-impeachment lawmakers, Gonzales pleaded with the high court not "to follow the path of less resistance."

Baterina, for his part, explained to the justices that the House was empowered to determine the one-year prohibition to "protect the indicated impeachable officials from undue harassment."

Bernas argued that the failure to act on the issue would "be considered an incapacity rather than restraint" on the part of the SC.

"The court is capable of acting on matters which will affect the court adversely.

"If the court does not act today on a matter involving the Chief Justice, it will just be telling the rest of the world that the court cannot act when one of them is affected," he said.

Bernas warned the tribunal that it "will be dangerous not for the court to intervene, and this petitions call out to be resolved."

Pangalangan and Agabin were the last two amici curiae, or friends of the court, invited by the SC to give their legal opinions on the controversy. Their views reflected that of former Senate President Jovito Salonga, who told the court Wednesday that the Senate had "primary" jurisdiction over the case.

Three amici curiae, retired Justice Florenz Regalado, Joaquin Bernas SJ, and Justice Regalado Maambong, said the court had jurisdiction over the case and it should rule on it, adding that the impeachment complaint against Davide should be struck down because it violated the Constitution.

The remaining two amici curiae, retired Justice Hugo Gutierrez Jr. and former Justice Minister Estelito Mendoza, argued that the court had no jurisdiction over the issue at all.

Agabin, who once lawyered for former President Joseph Estrada, said that the court should restrain itself because impeachment involves a political question and should be left to Congress to decide. ***With reports from Carlito Pablo and Juliet Javellana***

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What's the rap?

EDITORIAL

MEMBERS of the Brat Pack that spearheaded the move to impeach Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. are cloaking their rash and ruinous action with the noblest of intentions. Camarines Sur Rep. Felix William Fuentebella said he pushed for Davide's impeachment out of "pity" for court employees who were not getting their rightful share of the Judiciary Development Fund. Rizal Rep. John Michael Duavit said it was "untainted idealism" and a "burning desire" to know the truth that prompted him to affix his signature to the impeachment complaint. Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri said he found it "highly unethical and truly questionable" that Davide put his own son, Brian, as head of the Court's bids committee. It was a "purely conscience vote," he said of his support for the impeachment motion. "I have been consistent in my stand for good governance and transparency," he added.

If indeed it was pity that moved the second-generation politicians to impeach the Chief Justice, then it was an irrational pity. If it was idealism, then it was misplaced. And if it was consistency, then it was mindless consistency. These young lawmakers can talk all they want, they may rationalize all they want, but they cannot convince the public that their decision was the product of careful study and deep thought.

Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla, another member of the pack, sounded more candid and credible when he explained that they had been challenged and provoked by Davide and so they voted to impeach him. In other words, it was a matter of pride—an assertion of machismo, plain and simple. But it was also an admission that they had nothing to pin on Davide.

The initial complaint of some court employees that Davide failed to give them 80 percent of the JDF as mandated by the law has been shown to be the result of some erroneous computations. The charge that Davide authorized the purchase of "luxury vehicles" has been shown to be an exaggeration: nobody who knows something about cars, especially scions of wealthy families like the young lawmakers, would call a Toyota Camry or a Nissan Cefiro a "luxury car."

Davide may have pampered the justices by allowing the construction of two new summer cottages in Baguio and authorizing the purchase of very expensive curtains, but these are not for his own use and benefit. As regards the appointment of his son to the bids committee, Davide has explained that he was there to serve as his eyes and ears. And his accusers have glossed over the fact that while the law gives the Chief Justice full authority to administer the JDF, Davide has spread it around by requiring that all contracts be approved by the full Court. That is the last thing anyone itching to dip his fingers into the national treasury would do.

Anyone who wants to know the truth about how well or how badly the JDF has been handled should read the report of the Commission on Audit. That audit report found nothing wrong with the disbursement of the JDF. Neither is there even a suggestion of graft and corruption. In fact, not even Davide's bitterest critics have dared to accuse him of pocketing public funds.

So the question must be asked again: Where is the graft and corruption? Where is the high crime? Where is Davide's impeachable offense?

If the Brat Pack wants to stop the wasteful expenditure of public funds and rampant graft and corruption, they should begin the cleanup right in their own turf. No other fund has been as badly misused and misappropriated as their own Countrywide Development Fund and the other "initiatives" tucked into the budgets of various government departments and agencies. No other sources of funds have been used so freely like their own private kitty by our lawmakers. But even to the young "idealistic" lawmakers, that would be getting too close for comfort.

Who's the enemy?

FOREIGN COMMENT

GEORGE Bush has repeated what the military in Baghdad told him: that Islamic extremists and Saddam nostalgics are behind the attacks in Iraq. But the truth is, as officers in the field acknowledge, they don't know who their enemy is.

To respond to the threat the Pentagon could be tempted by the Israeli model: intelligence ... suppression, incursions, punishments for those who harbor rebels. You take the initiative, but you risk alienating further a population that is tired of death.

The best answer would be to guarantee calm, but this is impossible, because Saddam's partisans and the terrorists will do everything to avoid it.

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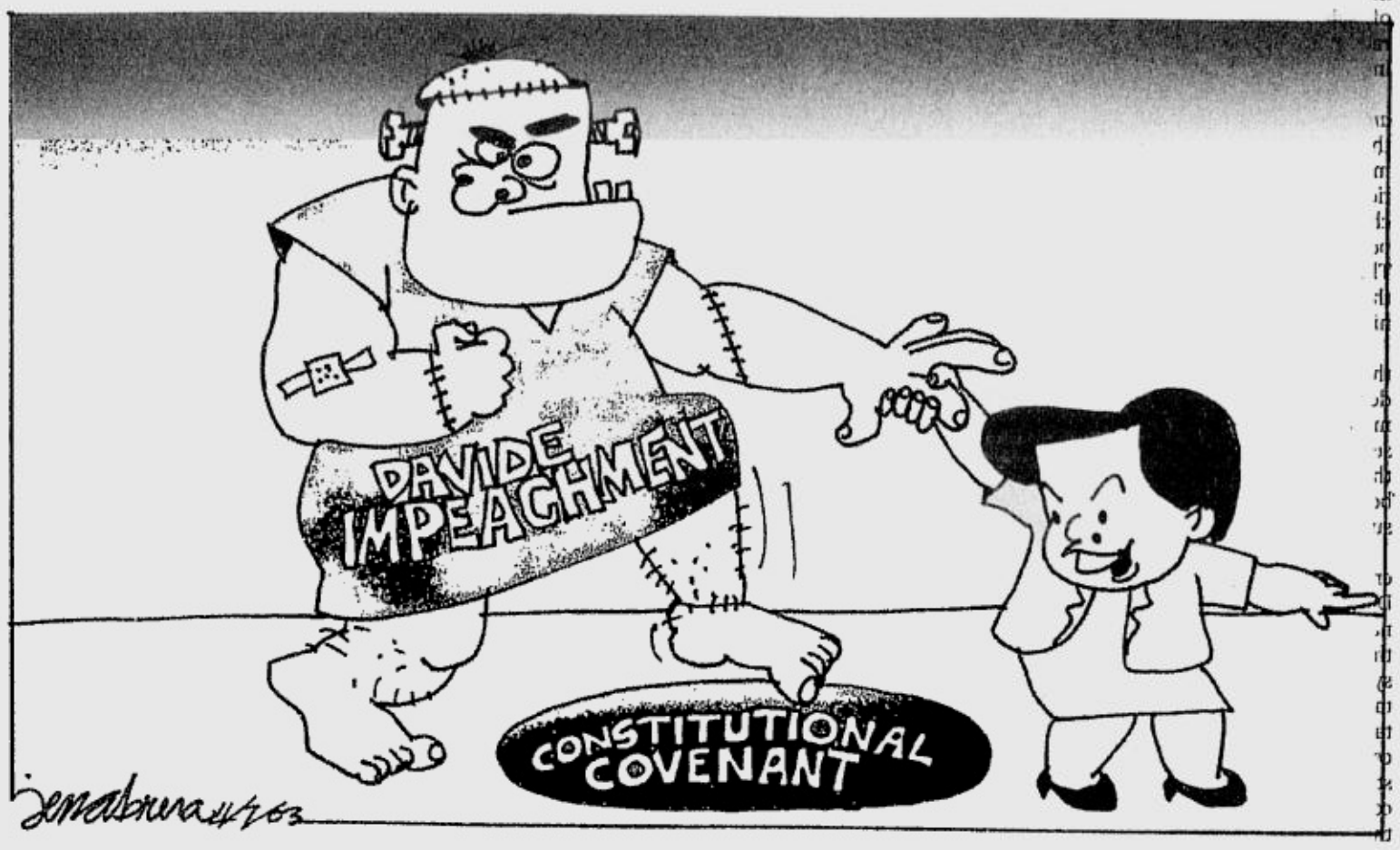

Confused minds at Supreme Court hearing

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

WHAT'S the matter with lawyers? After listening to *abogados de campanilla*, the best legal minds in the country, argue the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. at the Supreme Court last Wednesday, I have come to the conclusion that they have confused and illogical minds.

Why? Well, they were talking about the same provision in the same Constitution, they went to the same law schools, read the same law books, probably had the same law professors, yet they can't agree whether the complaint is constitutional or not.

The constitutional provision in question is quite simple and straightforward: No impeachment complaint can be initiated against an official more than once within one year. And the crux is just one word: "initiate." The best legal minds can't agree on its meaning. They used up the better part of the morning, afternoon and evening arguing back and forth what it means. Some said it is the same, or at least synonymous with the word "file." Others said it is not.

I have already quoted in a previous column the dictionary meanings of the two words, but I'll repeat them here. Webster's New World Dictionary defines "initiate" as "to bring into practice or use; introduce by first doing or using; to teach the fundamentals of some subject to; help to begin something." The same dictionary defines "file" as "to register (an application, etc.); to get (a legal document) on record; to initiate (a divorce suit or other legal action..."

But the dictionary doesn't help our legal experts. Some say that when an impeachment complaint is "filed," it is also "initiated." Others say no, it is initiated only after the committee on justice investigates it and the House of Representatives votes on it.

If the first interpretation is correct, then the second impeachment complaint that the House members voted on is unconstitutional. If it is the second interpretation that is correct, then the second complaint is constitutional.

Well, I'm not a lawyer—not even a law student. But as a layman, it is quite clear to me. Since I'm a member of the public, the great majority of whom are not lawyers, then I probably understand it the way they do. This is the way my logic goes:

Since we are a free country, anybody can file a complaint against anybody, even frivolous ones. But if all the complaints were tried by the courts, the dockets would be even more clogged, the cases take even longer to decide, and the public expense even bigger.

So the preliminary investigation by fiscals was set up to weed out the unmeritorious and frivolous ones so that they won't add to the burden of the judges. Besides, the innocent should be freed from jeopardy as quickly as possible. Recently, the barangay court was instituted as one more step to settle cases on the lower levels so that they don't have to add to the cases in the regular courts.

Only after the case is filed in court by the fiscal is it "initiated." There is no double jeopardy until the accused is arraigned by the court. Only after arraignment is he immune from being sued for the same offense.

I think the framers of our Constitution intended the same system when they made the provision on impeachment. When an impeachment complaint is filed by anybody, the committee on justice first investigates if there is merit in the complaint. If it finds the complaint is sufficient in form and substance, it is submitted to the plenary for voting. If the complaint gets the required one-third vote, then it is transmitted to the Senate for trial.

I believe that is the equivalent of the preliminary investigation in a criminal case. Only after the case is approved by the committee on justice and voted upon by the plenary is the impeachment complaint deemed "initiated." It is only then when the equivalent of "double jeopardy" takes effect and the official cannot be impeached again within one year.

If it takes effect upon "filing," then it defeats the purpose of that provision. What is to prevent a cunning president from letting somebody file a purposely baseless impeachment complaint against him so that he cannot be impeached again within one year? He would then be free to commit graft and other impeachable acts the rest of the year, after which he would have another baseless impeachment complaint filed against him. By repeating this ploy every year, he would be free to commit impeachable acts during his whole term of office.

If I am correct, then the second impeachment complaint is constitutional. But I'm not a lawyer so the lawyers will naturally disagree. Lawyers are taught to disagree and argue in school.

I think we have a contentious and litigious society because we have too many lawyers with confused minds. Our Constitution and laws were all written by lawyers. Some of them contradict one another and require judges and justices to interpret them. But sometimes, even the interpretations of the justices differ. And that is why there are so many cases in court. Instead of guiding the people, the laws, written by lawyers, confuse the people. They don't know what to do; they don't know what is right and what is wrong. But then, neither do the lawyers and the justices.

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TODAY'S JOKE: Two congressmen were talking about the *agaw-pirma* campaign to abort the impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice.

1st congressman: *Balita ko, marami nang nag*-withdraw.

2nd congressman: *Siyanga? Saang bangko?*

Still, none better

(Conclusion)

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

WHAT democratic instincts we have we owe not to our American rulers but to our own heroes. People like Marcelo del Pilar, Andres Bonifacio, Jose Rizal and Apolinario Mabini who not only bequeathed a body of work that articulated the *indio*'s concept of freedom and brotherhood but, more importantly, who gave up their lives for freedom and brotherhood. Their struggle against oppression was the best lesson in democracy of all. The Americans only left us the trappings of democracy, our heroes taught us its spirit.

You teach freedom and equality to a people you have enslaved and treat like dirt, and you will produce grotesque results. The result for us is a thing called "elite democracy," as monumental a contradiction as you can find. It is riddled with contradictions. On one hand, we have laws, on the other we have people violating them with impunity. On one hand, we have an order dedicated to egalitarianism, on the other we have a society rived into unbelievable poverty and spectacular privilege. On one hand, we have a liberal system, on the other we have autocratic rule. On one hand, we extol universalism, on the other we practice exceptionalism. On one hand, we rise resplendently to oust tyranny, on the other we grovel pitifully to accept abuse.

The list goes on and on. Is this democracy? Yes, but a most deformed one. Contrary to popular belief, we do **not** have too much democracy, we have too little of it. What we have much of are the appearances of democracy, we have so little of its substance.

It's the same thing with religion. We do not lack for the trappings of piety (we even have flagellants who whip their backs and crucify themselves on Good Friday), we lack people who live by Christ's example. That is not having too much spirituality, that is having too little of it. It's almost as if we surround ourselves with the forms, the rituals and the symbols of things so we can do away with the substance, the essence and the reality of them.

If that is so, then the direction before us is not to abandon whatever is left of our democracy but to cling more tenaciously to it. Other Asian countries have prospered in non-authoritarian conditions. Thailand has (after the rule of the generals), South Korea has (after Park Chung-hee), Japan has (after the War).

That brings me to my second point about why it is wrong to conclude that the example of Malaysia suggests that in these parts, democracy doesn't work, authoritarianism does. You go through Southeast Asia today and you'll be astounded by the overall progress there. Everyone seems to be getting ahead, which you see as soon as you step into the airport. It's very depressing remembering you just came from Naia. The contrast is awe-inspiring. Over the last 10 years, the only airport I've seen that's worse than Naia is the one in Dacca, and Bangladesh is not a Southeast Asian country. Everyone seems to be getting ahead—except us. That's a horrendous pass for a country that four decades ago was next only to Japan in economic potential.

What has happened? What do those countries have that we don't? Clearly, the answer is not an authoritarian government. Some have it, others don't. But they march ahead while we only storm backwards. The answer is simple and it is right there before our noses (which is probably why we can't see it): All the other Southeast Asians have a tremendous sense of country.

The common ground among Southeast Asian countries is not their authoritarianism, it is, for lack of a better word, their nationalism. It is not their iron-fisted rule, it is their sense of belonging, of identity, of originality. They are right about one thing: While they have their own way of doing things—Singapore- and Malaysian-style authoritarianism, Thailand-style monarchy (the king is the living symbol of "Thaihood"), even Indochinese-style socialism—we have only "American-style democracy." Their instinct is to experiment, to innovate, to do it their way, our instinct is to copy, to fit, to obey.

Even their corruption is different. Corruption thrives among them too, but they still get ahead. The simple reason is that their crooks do not take out the loot; they are at least patriotic crooks. Suharto probably stole more than Marcos, but he did not put the money in Swiss banks or in US real estate, he put it in businesses in Indonesia, which are putting Indonesians to work. The Great Filipino Dream is also the Great Filipino Tragedy: It is to live in the United States and get a green card. That cannot be cured by democracy or authoritarianism, by a presidential or parliamentary system, by charter change or sex change. That can be cured only by a lobotomy.

Richard Gordon will forever go down in history as the one person who argued for keeping the US bases on the ground that, "We cannot eat sovereignty." As all our neighbors have shown, Malaysia and Singapore at the head of them, that isn't true at all. That is the attitude only of losers. Sovereignty is the most edible thing there is. The lack of it is the most inedible thing of all. You don't have sovereignty, you won't eat. You do not have a sense of independence, you do not have a sense of purpose, you do not have a sense of what you are and can become, the loudest sound you will produce is the rumbling in your stomach.

No, the example of Malaysia does **not** say authoritarianism works and democracy does not in this part of the world. What it says is that a half-baked democracy does not work, a lack of sense of country does not work. If we have real democracy and real independence, there is no reason why we cannot go even farther even than Malaysia or Singapore.

What was it Churchill said about democracy?

It's a horrible system, but everything else sucks.

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Specter of junta

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

A VISITOR from another planet observing the current political turmoil stemming from the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. might be confounded and amused by the quality of public discourse which emphasizes conflict rather than a search for solutions to the political impasse.

The arguments in the Supreme Court by six *amici curiae* highlight discord—more specifically the rights and jurisdictions of the three departments of government rather than political solutions, as though in our constitutional scheme of checks and balances, these departments are perpetually at war with one another over territory. The emphasis of this debate is on rights rather than the interests of the larger national community.

This notion of perpetual war is at the bottom of the recurrent political instability of Philippine democracy built on adversarial relations that are more valued than consensus. Filipinos are so obsessed with the aspect of conflict that to prove that democracy works, we revel in political exuberance which produces gridlock and disrupts sustained economic development.

The turbulence of adversarial Philippine democracy, exemplified by constitutional crisis over the Davide impeachment, is giving democracy a bad name. At the same time, it gives a glow to the authoritarianism practiced in many Asian political systems operating within democratic parliamentary forms. It also provides a temptation for military intervention, over which there are now concerns. There is some fear that should the current stand-off over the Davide impeachment spin out of control and develop into disorder in the streets, the military might just have an excuse to grab power to "protect the people and the state."

A few days ago, President Macapagal-Arroyo put the military on red alert, sending the message that the government was ready to call in the Armed Forces to restore order. This came at a time when the impasse between the Supreme Court and Congress was hardening and protest groups polarized by the conflict were beginning to take to the streets.

It is wrong to stay that the red alert has fueled coup rumors. It is more accurate to say that the coup rumors were fanned by the political impasse that appears to elude settlement, with neither side willing to yield ground.

Note that each time conflict erupts in the political sector and mobs are unleashed in the streets to put an end to the stalemate, as in the case of People Power I and People Power II, the military steps in of its own accord, without the president's summons. The picture on the front page of the INQUIRER last Nov. 4, showing a phalanx of generals, against the background of the deepening deadlock and reports of coup rumors, is an ominous specter of military intervention looming in the background.

The generals in the picture could well make up a military junta. Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya and some senior military officers told the INQUIRER editors at a briefing the other night that, indeed, certain groups and individuals had met with him recently. According to Abaya, these groups "were just saying that this situation might develop into a constitutional crisis and the AFP might be called upon to do its role... and to protect the people and the state."

Abaya said he merely listened and "never made any commitment." Which may be true. In all the interventions of the military since 1986, it acted autonomously. Ferdinand Marcos' order to the military to save his regime from a mutiny was not obeyed by troops who still professed loyalty to their commander in chief. The military acted autonomously when the then chief of staff, Gen. Angelo Reyes, withdrew the AFP's support from the Estrada administration.

Against this background of autonomy, I can believe Abaya when he said he made no commitments to any group or individual seeking military intervention. Neither can the President be confident that as commander in chief, she can control them when she calls in the army to restore public order.

From Abaya's statement and from the explanations of Reyes after he turned his back to his commander in chief in January 2001, we can see that the military since Edsa I has become a highly politicized institution, sensitive to political developments. It assesses developments according to its judgment of whether the state is in danger or public order is threatened by the unruly manifestations of the political sector. It has a mind of its own.

Even those seeking military intervention to serve their narrow interests had better be warned that, considering the autonomous record of the AFP, they will not be safe from a junta. A junta will set its own rules, and when there is a military takeover, all the lawmakers who instigated the impeachment and provoked the crisis will not be safe. Congress, which is the haven of political troublemakers and the arena from which political gridlocks spring, will be padlocked.

Even the spoiled brats of political dynastic oligarchies and their patrons cannot be confident that they will be spared. When the military makes a power grab, which some groups seem to be seeking, no one can seek sanctuary behind parliamentary immunity.

Thus, it is in the interest of the combatants in this constitutional conflict to realize that they must get serious in their search for a political settlement. If the crisis gets out of hand, all the territorial and jurisdictional divisions between the three organs of state will be erased. All will lose. And there will be no winners.

Shattered hope

HIGH BLOOD

Silverio F. Aquino

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. —Ed.

I AM now 75. I have a wife and six children and two truckloads of grandchildren, but my family has been breaking up because of the failures of our government. All this makes my blood pressure shoot up. I think many senior citizens are in the same situation.

I know whereof I speak because I have lived through the administrations of Quezon, Osmeña, Roxas, Quirino, Magsaysay, Garcia and Macapagal, and life under them was good. I was a boy during Quezon's time and I know little of Osmeña's rule, but I know they were good and dedicated leaders. During the administrations of Roxas through Macapagal, I got an education, got married, had children and educated them in turn. The government under them was also good.

Then came Marcos. At first the people responded well to his exhortation: "*Sa ikauunlad ng bayan, disiplina ang kailangan.*" But he turned out to be a dictator. He killed or imprisoned his political enemies, stole money in the billions of pesos and repressed the people's freedoms.

One day my youngest daughter, who had just finished her course at the University of the Philippines announced, "My future has been ruined by Marcos. I want to leave."

I was dumbfounded, but I knew she was right. She went abroad.

Then my eldest son, an electrical engineer, followed her. I terribly missed them and I blamed the government for taking away their hope for a bright future in their own country.

Upon the petition of my eldest son, now a citizen of another country, my wife and I were granted immigrant visas so we could live in that country. I did not go, but my wife went to live with my children there, so now we only visit each other. She, too, was disillusioned with our leaders. Her leaving was to me the unkindest cut of all.

Marcos was thrown out of power, and was succeeded by the widow of his foremost victim and later by a former army general. But my four children remained skeptical about the future.

Tragedy struck when a movie actor was elected president. Then he was charged with plunder and detained without bail.

I watched what my four remaining children would do. True enough, two of them soon gave up and left. I could not believe they would go, since they had studied in good universities, they had decent houses, drove cars and lived in relative comfort. But they left because they saw no hope here especially for their own children.

Now I have only two children left with me. They are also jumping ship because they do not see any good reason for staying. Sadly I know they are just waiting for me to go to my final destination, and they may have only a few years to wait.

A recent survey found that about 20 percent of Filipinos want to leave the country. Many families really want to go abroad for good. One INQUIRER columnist said it all for them when he wrote, "For the first time in my life last week, I really felt that this country has become hopeless."

Like my four children who have gone, many people are convinced this country is hopeless and wish they had the opportunity to move elsewhere with their families.

Countless Filipinos have chosen another way to leave, which is by finding work abroad. If they could, they would uproot their families. But they are forced to leave behind their spouses, children and parents in order to take foreign jobs, mostly menial and below their level of education, and they and their loved ones must suffer the pains of separation and loneliness. While the government is happy for the millions of dollars that they send home to prop up the economy, it does nothing to address the reason why, like the emigrants, these overseas Filipino workers have to go abroad in the first place.

There is also the big brain drain that the government does not seem to care about. Educated and talented Filipinos go to live abroad and apply their expertise and knowledge to their foreign jobs. The exodus of doctors, nurses, engineers and technicians goes unabated, but the government is not bothered by this waste of talent.

Why do Filipinos go away? First of all, there is so much corruption everywhere in the government. A world opinion survey has revealed that our country is the third most corrupt in Asia and the 11th most corrupt in the world.

There is also too much politics. The finance secretary has said that politics is the cause of our dire economic problems.

But who is engaged in too much politics? Why, the politicians, of course. There are too many of them in and outside Congress. They are concerned only about their personal ambitions and their expensive junkets and their abuse of their pork barrel and other perks. Gone are the days of Recto, Laurel, Diokno, Osias and House Speakers Cornelio Villareal and Eugenio Perez, of Ramon Magsaysay, and of justices like Concepcion, Moran and Avanceña.

Many politicians give speeches about poverty, joblessness, crime and other ills, but do very little, if at all, to address these problems. Instead, they resort to what is expedient or good for themselves. Look at the shameless speed with which congressmen have railroaded the impeachment charges against the Chief Justice and how some senators are thirsting for the publicity they will get as judges during the impeachment. Look also at how fast many politicians have risen to defend the Chief Justice without ascertaining that he is really innocent in his handling of the Judiciary Development Fund amounting to billions of pesos.

The people are now cynical of this government. Even Filipinos abroad share this cynicism, as shown by the fact that only one out of every 100 of them has bothered to register under the new Absentee Voting Law. Like my wife and children abroad, they do not trust the government enough to participate by voting. The common lament is, why vote when the same kind of so-called leaders will get elected anyway, by hook or by crook?

Now, I am horrified to learn that another movie actor, who has reportedly not finished high school, will be elected president in 2004.

When my last two remaining children leave because this country is hopeless, my family would be completely shattered and, if I would still be alive, my hope in the government will also be completely lost. This would be tragic for me. I have seen better governance from the likes of Laurel, Recto and Magsaysay, and I will never see the light of hope in this hopeless country.

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The seamless robe of human rights

COMMENTARY

Denis Murphy

AT THE BATASAN rally in support of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. the other week, a question occurred to me: Where were all these Church people, judges, student leaders, politicians and lawyers when the vendors were driven off the sidewalks earlier this year, or when the homes of 500 poor families living outside the Batasan were hurriedly demolished to clean up the city for President George W. Bush?

This is not meant to be censorious, especially of people willing to demonstrate for what they believe in. But it is a fair question we should try to answer.

Human rights are a seamless robe, to quote the late Cardinal Joseph Bernadin of Chicago. He was arguing that US Catholics who were anti-abortion and pro-life should also be anti-death penalty and anti-war, the other issues of life and death under discussion then. Many Catholics were selective. The seamless robe image refers to the robe of Jesus on Calvary that soldiers wouldn't tear but had cast lots to see who would own it.

There were good reasons for rallying at the Batasan. The Davide matter concerns the entire country's welfare. The removal of the vendors and urban poor does not, at least not immediately. However, multiply those incidents a hundred times a month across the nation and we may see something very disturbing.

For example, I didn't see any poor people at the rally (PMAP was kept outside), though there are nearly half a million urban poor people within walking distance of the Batasan in the National Government Center, Payatas and other areas. Why were there none at the rally? Perhaps they didn't know of it. Perhaps they couldn't get free for an afternoon. Or perhaps they didn't care. Most may have thought that the courts had never helped them, so why bother. What did the courts do to help the vendors or the poor families evicted alongside the Batasan?

Some will argue the sidewalks are for walking, not business, and the poor outside Batasan were hard-core recidivists. Reality is never that simple to start with, but if there are arguments against the poor, there are also arguments in their favor if we care to look. Laws were broken when the vendors and urban poor were removed and at the very least there was no need for all the rush. The poor may also ask why were they the only ones removed from the sidewalks when even now we see parked cars and other obstructions of the rich blocking sidewalks. If poor people do not concern themselves with the Supreme Court, the symbol of justice in society, is it because they believe they will not be treated fairly?

A great danger is that the poor may lose all interest in politics and governance and become a free floating mass of discontent.

If we are careless with the rights of the poor, we might well remember the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer who, speaking of the Protestant churches in Hitler's Germany said: "When the Nazis came and arrested all of the Jewish Rabbis, we said nothing. When they came to arrest all of the Roman Catholic priests, we said nothing. When they came to arrest all of us (the Protestant clergy), there was no one left to say anything."

Who will defend us in the future if we ignore the essential rights of the poor?

We are talking of the rights given the poor by the Constitution, the Gospel and the international covenants signed by the government. The Gospel is the most radical, since it calls us to give priority to the poor in all things.

The most recently acknowledged right is that to water (UN Committee on Economic, Social and Rights, March 2003). For the poor, water is a very important right, and it serves as well as any right to illustrate the vulnerability of the poor. Water is essential for good health, sanitation and a decent quality of life, but hundreds of thousands of poor people in Metro Manila cannot afford enough of it. On average, based on the communities we have studied, poor people who don't have piped water can afford only half the minimum amount of water recommended by the United Nations: about 250 liters per day for a family of five.

As a result, mothers can't wash the food, take care of sanitation, wash the children, clean the house and their clothes. If any of us had to live on the water these poor people have, we too would find ourselves in a slum. As a result, children get sick and die at 10 times the rate found in areas of the city where people are well off. The young are deprived of life. Yet no Church person, judge, or lawyer has spoken in their defense on this matter.

The people who suffer the most from the lack of water are the very, very poor, including the scavengers in Payatas. The small children with flies on their faces and no water to wash and who are afflicted with gastroenteritis should haunt us.

Let's hope for justice in the Davide matter. But we must be concerned with all rights, especially those of the poor. Human rights are inseparable, especially in a democracy.

In the end, we will probably find that God will be more interested to know what we did about the housing and water rights of the poor than the other matters that dominate our lives.

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Open letter to some 'Spice' and 'Bright Boys'

COMMENTARY

Asuncion David Maramba

REMEMBER? Around two years ago, you were the darlings of the press, the "Spice Boys" and the "Bright Boys" in Congress, the hope of tomorrow, the hope of our wretched country, and certainly a breath of fresh air.

I joined the bandwagon and wrote about you, too. What do you mean "tomorrow"? I said. They're already here: "the successor generation is already here."

That many of you were scions of political dynasties was something we chose to overlook, hoping that your "spice" and brains would break our wretched political culture. The big question was whether the country would be better with you or if we would have more of the same.

What have you chosen as your first, big "united" class act? Impeachment of nobody less than Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.! Have you ever met in your brief public lives or in Congress a public servant that can match the integrity of the Chief Justice?

It's you I have been following in the papers and on TV. It's your names I read, going around in the e-mail. It's you I have been watching because you could have been among my star students, because you're the young whom mothers and mentors love, because you are our hope—remember?

Hitting the front page, grabbing the pictures with your really good looks, here are the leaders: Felix William Fuentebella, Gilberto Teodoro (with the stunning credentials), Gilbert Remulla, Mark and Charlie Cojuangco, Francis Escudero Michael John Duavit.

Clearly you have not broken the system but have been broken into it quite thoroughly. With great ease you now throw around a language that is vintage Congress: "No one is above the law"; "We're acting for the people." You are now experts at acting like victims and making the other fellow look like the aggressor: "We were challenged, we were provoked, so we had to impeach him." "Let it be known that it was the Supreme Court which brought us here." The status quo order is the "judicial version of the Pearl Harbor attack." Wow.

Of course, you can always find disgruntled employees who will turn witness against the boss. Of course, even in the best laid out household budgets and in the most above-board corporate budgets, there will always be something off-budget or above-budget or shifting allocations. And this is not, I repeat, not graft and corruption, and you know it.

But you will pounce upon the littlest departure from the letter of the budget and cry "corruption," "mismanagement of funds," "betrayal of public trust"! What nerve, what cheek—coming from members of Congress which as a body is notorious for its Countrywide Development Fund, for its allowances and perks like cars, trips, etc., that are of such magnitude as to demand scrutiny.

An e-mail message suggests beginning with the 81 signatories. That makes a lot of sense. Can you even begin to imagine the protestations and the roadblocks that congresspersons would set up to see that their pork barrels would not even be sniffed?

And here comes the Honorable Fuentebella inviting, demanding that the Chief Justice attend "an executive meeting," and several officials down the line and the COA auditors to submit all vouchers, remittances, expenditures, their sources and amounts, all similar and related documents, etc., "under oath." It's unbelievable! Anytime, I was expecting the requisition for paper clips to appear on the list! In other words, account for every cent or resign.

"In aid of legislation?" Spare us. You and I know what this is all about: a witch hunt before the kill.

You will never be "one out of four" young Filipinos who will want to leave our country because they can no longer bear it here. At the rate you're going, when your time comes if it's not already here, you will drive them away for what you may or may not do for your country. Have you ever seen a congressman migrate unless he's hiding?

Are you really proud of what you've done—driving the republic to "the edge of anarchy," "to the knife's edge," "initiating" a dangerous precedent that can release a chain of reactions in any direction? The republic is mortally wounded and you're turning the knife.

Is this all you want to do, all you want to be? Fixers, stalkers, ("crawlers" is what Gilbert Remulla calls them), lackeys, regardless of whatever fancy name you use? That the press and a lot of people now see "brat" where once they saw "bright" should make you pause.

Clearly there is still one thing you need to have. Maybe it's because politics is alien to "it." Maybe it's because your models hardly have "it." Why did you enter politics? I suppose you love your country and truly desire to serve her. Don't raise your right hand and say "I do." Keep the answer in your heart of hearts. If you really do, heed the words of the very object of your attack. Cry for yourselves. "Grieve not for me. Let us grieve for our country."

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Who can trust senators sitting as judges?

LETTERS PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

AS an admirer, a fellow detainee under the Marcos dictatorship and a friend of Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, I track his statements with careful attention. This includes his latest one: "Trust the senators to be impartial judges" in Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.'s impeachment.

Has my friend gone bonkers? Of all people, Pimentel should know better. As Senate president, Pimentel fairly presided over the impeachment trial of Joseph Estrada (a.k.a Jose Velarde). That's where "impartial senator-judges" like Sotto, Honasan, John Osmeña, Jaworski, Enrile, Tatad, Joseteng and others brazenly sealed the second envelope. Tessie-Aquino Oreta even pirouetted her way into infamy on the Senate floor.

Filipinos were scalded by the Craven Eleven's betrayal. "Once burnt, twice shy." So, they revolted.

True to his old form, Pimentel was in the front ranks then. So, has amnesia set in? If so, when?

Derailing Erap's impeachment burdens today's senators, with rock-bottom trust quotient. People gag at the thought of the "Balato Twins," a failed coup artist, toilet-humor comedians, or a cop on the lam, judging the country's most respected jurist.

"Who else bailed out of Erap's right pocket to squirm their way into Pacman's left pocket?" is a cynical query on the text circuit.

People are approaching boiling point. They won't take much more.

Lapsus mentis can be lethal if it leads people to ignore bitter lessons of the past. We'd be condemned to repeat that tutorial at the cost of dragging down one of our few remaining democratic institutions.

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Geographical rotation of UN Security Council seats

THE NEWS recently was that the Philippines got its long-awaited non-permanent seat in the UN Security Council. It was hailed as a "victory" for the country. As a former assistant secretary for UN matters in the Department of Foreign Affairs and representative to various meetings in New York, we know that UN members get important UN posts through the system of geographical rotation. We should therefore be happy with this particular achievement; however, it could not be termed a "victory."

Geographical rotation allows members of the United Nations, who are not permanent members of the UNSC, to get elected in the non-permanent seats of the UNSC. The Philippines which is from South East Asia, replaced Syria, which is from West Asia, after getting the support of Asean. The Philippines would almost certainly get elected to a non-permanent seat in the UNSC.

Of course, the Philippines has to go through the formality of being elected by the whole membership of the UN General Assembly.

The Philippines had also the chance to get elected to the International Court of Justice in the early '90s. Dr. Enrique Syquia had the blessings of the Congress of the Philippines; however, the DFA through former Secretary Roberto Romulo, inexplicably endorsed Japan and China. We had then the spectacle of the Middle East group trying hard to convince the Philippines to vote for Syquia who was not officially endorsed by the Philippines.'

Again, in the early '70s, Rafael Salas was thought to be a good candidate for UN secretary general. However, he was not endorsed by his country. After Kofi Annan of Africa, the next UN secretary general would come from Asia. We hope that Asia would field only the best with known capability and integrity. On the part of the Philippines, it should decline supporting any of those who are perennial candidates to UN posts, to avoid getting embarrassed by its own Asian group.

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Abusive MMDA men

THIS letter is the end result of trying to go through the "proper channels" to address my complaint, which obviously was a waste of time.

The problem occurred several weeks ago in Makati, where I operate an auto service station. In the corner of my property, I placed a sign, which lists the services offered in my shop. I felt that the sign would enhance the visibility of my shop and help bring in additional customers. One afternoon, a group of Metro Manila Development Authority men in a truck with Plate No. UTP-553, pulled over and picked up the sign. Luckily, my security guard saw this and gave chase. When he finally caught up several blocks later, he was curtly told that the placing of the sign was illegal and to call the MMDA office if he had a problem. Immediately after the incident, my office got to talk to a certain Nestor Gaytan who said there is no way to get the sign back since it would be thrown in a dumping ground somewhere.

I am writing the INQUIRER since I feel this is the best and only forum wherein my concerns will be addressed. These concerns are as follows:

- What right does the MMDA have to get signage that's on my property?
- For the sake of argument, even if the sign was not inside my lot, it clearly belonged to my station. Why not just tell one of us to keep the signage inside my lot instead of immediately taking it away?
- What ever happened to due process?
- If my guard had not seen them, they would have taken the sign without telling anyone. What then differentiates these men from common thieves?
- What gives them the right to be rude and throw away things at their (flawed) discretion?

As far as I'm concerned, the loss of the sign is not the issue at hand. Rather, it is about time that someone put a stop to these unfair and unlawful practices done by the MMDA. It is pretty clear that these people feel empowered by their uniforms. May I remind them that the power given to them is to be of service to the public and not to abuse citizens! I have been an admirer of the work of MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando. He has always struck me as a man of action. In fact, I'm positive that if informed of this incident concerning his men, he will do the right thing. Unfortunately, I think power got into the heads of some of his men, and it is now occupying the place in the brain that's normally reserved for common sense and respect for other people's property.

—J. ANTONIO T. CARLOS,
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BULACAN (BALIWAG)
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT BALIWAG 33YW
Portion of Baliwag town proper including J.M. Basa, E. de los Angeles, A. Luna, Guzman Sts. and Prima Berde General Merchandising.

REASON: Reconductoring work in Baliwag town proper, Bulacan.

BULACAN (BOCAUE)
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MARIA 424YU
The whole of Intercity Industrial Estate in Bo. Wakas.

REASON: Cleaning, replacement and washing of contaminated line devices at Intercity Industrial Estate in Bo. Wakas, Bocaue, Bulacan.

MONDAY TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10-11, 2003

CAVITE (IMUS)
BETWEEN 11:00PM (MON.,11/10/03) AND 5:00AM (TUE.,11/11/03) - THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT IMUS 34WK
Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from Meralco-Imus substation to Bayan Luma Road including Makro in Imus.
Along Bayan Luma Road from Aguinaldo Highway to and including Bo. Manalo, Paaralang Elementarya ng Navarro, Iglesia ni Kristo, Bgy. Alapan II, Bliss Housing in Gen. Trias, Bucandala Bgy. High School, Mary-Cris Homes, Bo. Bucandala, Villa Feliciano Subd. and Sarreal Subd. in Imus.
Along Malagasang Road from Bayan Luma Road to near Christian Joan School including Pag-asa Subd., Bgy. Malagasang I, Manuela Subd., MWSS, Malagasang Elementary School, Mandarin Homes II, Hayag Motorworks and Machine Shop, Paaralang Elementarya ng Malagasang II and Francis Rice Mill in Imus.
Along Alapan Road from Bayan Luma Road to and including Bo. Medicion, Bo. Alapan, Lakersfield Homes, Alfonso Village, West Wood Homes, Bgy. Pag-asa, Mikesell Subd. and Medicion St. in Imus.
Along Carsadang Bago from Alapan Road to near Gen. F Yengco Ave. including Narra Homes, Gardenville Subd., Villa Lasquete and Woodstock Homes in Imus.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway and inside Meralco-Imus substation.

MANILA (STA. MESA) AND MANDALUYONG CITY
BETWEEN 11:30PM AND 12:00MN (MON.,11/10/03) AND THEN BETWEEN 5:00AM AND 5:30AM (TUE.,11/11/03) - PORTION OF CIRCUITS ROCKWELL 412VV-PANDACAN 43M AND PANDACAN 19M
Portion of Bataan, Lingayen, Arellano, Torres, Mapa, Imperial, Villamor, Dangal, Magtanggol, Magsikap, Baguinbayan Sts. including Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Sta. Mesa.
Portion of Shaw Blvd. from Gen. Kalentong to near Acacia Lane including Jose Rizal University, Mandaluyong Ice Plant, SUGECO, Romualdez, Cardona, Haig, P. Martinez, J. Luna, E. Magalona, E. Jacinto, 29 de Agosto, Lawson, J. Vargas, Pinagtipunan, Año 96, R. Vicencio, Gonzales and M. Yulo Sts. in Bgys. Daang Bakal, Bagong Silang and Hagdang Bato-Libis in Mandaluyong City.

BETWEEN 11:30PM (MON.,11/10/03) AND 5:30AM (TUE.,11/11/03) - PORTION OF CIRCUITS ROCKWELL 412VV-PANDACAN 43M; AND PANDACAN 19M
Portion of P. Sanchez from V. Mapa Ext. to near Sevilla Bridge in Mandaluyong boundary including 3rd St., Dupil, Aliw-iw, Saluysoy, Sining, Lakandili, V. Mapa Ext., P. Antonio Sts., Landcom Village and Morningside Terrace Subd. in Sta. Mesa.

REASON: Replacement of rotted pole along P. Sanchez near 3rd St., Sta. Mesa.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2003

QUEZON CITY
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 12:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 4:30AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUITS BALINTAWAK 41E AND 404E
Portion of Howmart, Baesa and Reparo Roads from EDSA in Bgy. Apolonio Samson to near Tandang Sora Ave. in Bgy. Sta. Quitera including Columbia Wires and Cables, Sysco Paper, Goodyear Steel Pipe, Grand Engineering and Foundry, Oerlikon Phil. Electrode, Paperland, Reliance Packaging, Stonehill Steel, Daytona Trading, Phil. Fabrikoid, Jordanville Homes, Bayanihan Subd., Alta Vista Homes, Ruby Ville Subd., Tolentino Cpd., Bgys. Baesa and Balong Bato.
Portion of Quirino Highway from near Dimasno Road to near Tandang Sora Ave. including Century Container, Paperland, Phil. Publishing House, Eternal Gardens Memorial Park, NHA Balintawak Teachers Village, and Baesa Industrial Terminal.
Portion of Mendez Road from near F. Carlos St. to Quirino Highway including Dominga Village.

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUITS BALINTAWAK 41E AND 404E
Portion of Private Road from MERALCO-Balintawak Substation to F. Carlos St. and Mendez Road in Bgy. Apolonio Samson.

REASON: Reconstruction of primary lines inside MERALCO-Balintawak substation.

QUEZON CITY
BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 8:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 2:30PM AND 3:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT DILIMAN 43VU
Portion of Don Mariano Marcos Ave. (Commonwealth) from Don Antonio Heights Subd. to near BF Road including Don Enrique Heights, Kapalaran Subd., Kaligtasan Subd. and Aquatic Compound in Bgys. Old Balara.

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 3:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT DILIMAN 43VU
Along B.F. Road, J. Delgado, Encarnacion, V. Salazar, S. Benito Sts. and Sampaguita Ave. from near Don Mariano Marcos Ave. to Fern Village including Doña Juana Subd., B.F. Homes Subd.-Q.C., Isadora Hills Subd., Granwood Villas, Magre Subd., Mapayapa Village I, II & III, Kapalaran Subd., Central Bank Employees Homes, Silverland Village, Doña Petrona Subd. and Pingkian Village in Bgys. Holy Spirit and Pasong Tamo.

REASON: Upgrading of primary lines along Narra, Sampaguita, Benito Sts., BF Road and Mapayapa Village in Bgy. Holy Spirit.

TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11-12, 2003

MALABON
BETWEEN 11:30PM (TUE.,11/11/03) AND 4:30AM (WED.,11/12/03) - PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALABON 45YD
Portion of M. H. del Pilar St. from Meralco-Malabon substation to Tinajeros in Bgys. Acacia and Tinajeros.
Portion of Sanciangco St. from Tinajeros Bridge to and including Pinagpala, A. Roque Sts., Malabon Subd., Daisay Patis, Ideal Synthetic Indl. Corp. and Palaisdaan Picnic Garden in Bgys. Tonsuya and Catmon.

REASON: Replacement of rotten pole and contaminated insulators and re-sagging of lines along Sanciangco St. in Bgys. Catmon and Tonsuya, Malabon.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003

BULACAN (MEYCAUAYAN)
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT BOCAUE 47YE
Portion of McArthur Highway from near Gen. Pacheco St. to and including Caingin Road, Maligaya, Rosales Sts., San Pedro Subd., Mapalad Subd., Ilang sa Sta. Lucia Village and Francisco Subd. in Bgys. Caingin ang Tugatog.

REASON: Replacement of rotten poles and re-sagging of lines along McArthur Highway in Bgys. Caingin and Tugatog, Meycauayan, Bulacan.

QUEZON CITY
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT NOVALICHES 49YJ
Portion of Don Mariano Marcos Ave (Commonwealth) from Katuparan St. to Batasan Road in Sitio Gao.
Portion Batasan Rd. from Don Mariano Marcos Ave. to and including Sampaguita St., Ilang-Ilang, Waling-Waling, Don Vicente and J.P. Rizal Sts., Violago Homes-Batasan, Filinvest Homes II Phase H2, Filheights Subd., Bgys. Payatas and Bagong Silang.

REASON: Relocation of poles and various maintenance work along Batasan Road in Bgy. Payatas.

MAKATI CITY
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 7:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT URDANETA 54VS
The whole of Glorietta 3 Mall.

REASON: Shifting of Glorietta 3 to newly commissioned circuit.

BULACAN
BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 1:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MARIA 43YU
Along Tambobong Road from Lalakhan Road to and including Boom Twn, Tugatog, H. Ramos Plastic Manufacturing Corp. and Meralco Village VIII in Bgy. Batia.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Batia Road in Bocaue, Bulacan.

CAVITE
BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 5:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT TAGAYTAY 32XS AND 33XS
Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from Meralco-Tagaytay substation to Tagaytay-Silang Rotunda including Bgys. Maitim, Salaban, Talon, Loma, Poblacion in Amadeo; Bgys. Maitim II, Kaybagal, Tagaytay Dev. Bank, Amblong Coffee Mills, Rural Bank of Tagaytay, Tagaytay Country Homes, Ridge Country Club, Greenwich Pizza and Metrogate Tagaytay Estates in Tagaytay City.
Along Tagaytay Ridge Road from Tagaytay-Silang Rotunda to Cavite-Batangas boundary including 7-11, Tagaytay Country Homes I, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Josephine Restaurant, Ipil St., Tagaytay Municipal Hall, Taal Vista Hotel, Mushroom Country, Tagaytay Tourist Shell, Liberty Broadcasting Network, Pillet, Teal View, Tagaytay Cinema, Tagaytay Microtropo Station, Air Traffic Office, Bgys. Asisan, Guinhawa, Neogan, Bagong Tubig in Tagaytay City; Bgys. Sicat, Pansin, Luksuhin, Mangas, Sulsugin, Upli, Palumlum, Buckestate, Bilog, Amuyang, Kaytitinga, Pilipil, Pulo, Bigtasing, Kaylaway, Magnolia Dairy Farm, Rodeo Hills, Royale Tagaytay Estates, Doña Crisanta Floro Piggery, Sierra Grande Country Club and Mountain Ridge Resort Residential Subd. in Alfonso.
Along Mahogany Ave. from Tagaytay Ridge Road to Taal View including Repatrix Sisters of Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Carmel Novitiate, Maharlika Subd., Betania, Blue Ribbon Breeder Farm, Mercury Drug in Tagaytay City; Bgys. Payapa, Asis, Panungyan, Anuling, Palukpok in Mendez; Bgys. Esperanza, Marahan, Matagbak, Sinaliw, Ull-ull, Taywanak, and Town proper in Alfonso.
Bgy. Hulo in Silang.
Bgy. Narvaez in Gen. Aguinaldo.
Bgy. Pulo ni Sara in Maragondon.
Bgy. Pilipil and Karasutsi in Indang.

REASON: Maintenance work inside Meralco-Tagaytay substation.

RIZAL (TERESA)
BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 5:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT TERESA 45XP
Along R. Roxas Road from Provincial Road including Don Mariano Road, Teresa Marbles, Rodriguez Camp Site, Robina Farms 7 & 11, Bgy. May-iba.

REASON: Replacement of rotten poles along R. Roxas Road.

WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12-13, 2003

MANILA (TONDO)
BETWEEN 11:00PM (WED.,11/12/03) AND 6:00AM (THU.,11/13/03) - THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT TUTUBAN 53VT
The whole of Tutuban Cluster Buildings 1 & 2, Primeblock Building and Robinson Dept. Store.

REASON: Preventive maintenance work at Meralco-Tutuban substation.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2003

QUEZON CITY
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 12:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 4:30AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT LA LOMA 45VB
Portion of Sto. Domingo from Sgt. Rivera to near Apacible, including M. Viola, Ventura, portion of Toctokan and Andrade Sts. in Bgy. Balingasa.

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT LA LOMA 45VB
Along J. Cruz and Joy St. from Sto. Domingo to Bo. Tibagan including Grace Village, Bellevue Townhomes and Star Paper Corp. in Bgy. Apolonio Samson; Apacible, Hope, Harmony, Eleven Sts., and Balingasa Road in Bgy. Balingasa.

REASON: Replacement of rotted poles and installation of line equipment (N.O. LBS) along J. Cruz St.

BULACAN
BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 1:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALABON 47YD
Along P. Sevilla from near Flamenco to and including P Valenzuela Sts. in Bgy. Katangalan.

REASON: Reconductoring of primary lines along Sevilla St. in Bgy. Katangalan, Obando, Bulacan.

MUNTINLUPA CITY
BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 8:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 2:30PM AND 3:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT AYALA-ALABANG 415WR
Along Madrigal Ave. from near Alabang-Zapote Road to San Enrique St. including Alabang Town Center, Bunga, Anahaw, Nipa, Buri, Luzon, Sulu, Siquijor, Bohol, Visayas, Panay, Samar Sts., Mindanao Ave. and portion of San Enrique St. in Ayala Employees Housing, Bgy. New Alabang.

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 3:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT AYALA-ALABANG 415WR
Along Madrigal Ave. from near Luzon St. to and including Langka, San Juanico, Guava, Anonas, Makiling, Balabac, Cordillera, Apo, Bulusan, Kanlaon, Samat, Santiago, San Antonio, San Bartolome, San Carlos, San Rafael, San Enrique, San Pedro, San Gabriel, San Enriquez, San Francisco, San Isidro Sts. and Santiago Loop in Ayala-Alabang Village, Bgy. New Alabang.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Madrigal Ave. and University Ave. in Ayala-Alabang Village, Bgy. New Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2003

CALOOCAN CITY
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 12:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 4:30AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUITS BALINTAWAK 404E
Portion of Tullahan Road and Que Grande St. from near Reparo Road to and including La Mesa St., Benilla Neighborhood, Sta. Monica Subd., Venus Marble Cpd., Farola Homes, Del Rey Ville No. 3, Subd., and De Castro Cpd. in Bgy. Sta. Quitera.
Portion of F. Bautista St. from near Oliveros Cpd. to near Liwanag St.

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM - PORTION OF CIRCUITS BALINTAWAK 404E
Portion of Que Grande, F. Bautista, Sulok and Talalon Sts. from near La Mesa St. to Oliveros Cpd. including Hillside Ville, Barrios Compound 2, 3 and 4, Ugong Market, Larry Ong Cpd., Allied Textile Mills, East Pacific Commercial, Asian Steel, Maderazo Farm, Fompac Plastic Corp., Manila Gas Corp., Samson Hog Farm, Rolling Hills Resort and Hobart Village III in Bgy. Ugong.

REASON: Replacement of rotten pole and re-sagging of primary lines along Que Grande and F. Bautista Sts. in Bgy. Ugong.

BATANGAS
BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 5:00PM - THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT BOLBOK 33ZZ
Portion of Manila Railroad from Batangas Water District to Meralco Site in Bgy. Kumintang.
Portion of Provincial Road from Bgy. Kumintang to Bo. San Antonio, San Pascual including Bo. Sta. Rita Karsada San Pascual and Bgy. Tambobong.

REASON: NPC repair work in their lines in Bauan, Batangas.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003

PARAÑAQUE CITY
BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 8:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 2:30PM AND 3:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT SUN VALLEY 421WG
Along Doña Soledad Ave., E. Rodriguez Ave. and Kaingin Road from near Chateau Ellysee to near Multinational Ave. including Scarlet Homes I & II, Donna's Ville, Moonwalk Village Ph. 3, Solar Industrial City, JIL Freight Inc., Airlift Asia, Aspac Intl. Airfreight, Allegro Pacific, Gly Devt. Corp., YGC Realty Corp. and ASS Freight Consolidators in Bgys. Moonwalk and Ibayo.

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 3:00PM - PORTION OF CIRCUIT SUN VALLEY 421WG
Along Neil Armstrong Ave. and Moonwalk Access Road from near E. Rodriguez Ave. near Mount Claire St. including Armstrong Villas, South Green Park Village Phases 1, 2, 4 and 7, Universal Solid Homes II, Airport View Subd., Moonwalk I and Buensuceso Homes II in Bgy. Moonwalk.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Neil Armstrong Ave. in Bgy. Moonwalk, Parañaque City.

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More on the Davide impeachment

I AM a God-fearing person and have always believed in "blessings in disguise." The impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. by a bunch of very "normal" politicians, 100 percent concentrated on protecting their own interest, is another clear sign that God's mysterious hand is at work. Whatever the outcome, public opinion will be strong for the pork barrel to be scrutinized. Indeed, this is God's way of showing them that acts of unrighteousness are never triumphant.—**Jorge V. Villanueva Jr., via e-mail**

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As a consolation to Chief Justice Davide, somebody famous had this to say: "Great men have always experienced violent attacks from mediocre minds." In this instance, please add "corrupt" to mediocre.

I feel sorry for the Philippines. It has been over 17 years since we deposed the dictator. Yet, we continue to suffer from his evil legacy. Corruption runs even in our young and well-educated leaders. Strip these young men of their titles, their famous last names and their UP or Harvard education and you see men who have brought themselves at par with the pickpockets of Quiapo in Manila or Colon in Cebu.

Filipino voters should be wiser this coming elections. They need only look at the ancestors of this young "leaders" on the ballot and remind themselves that "the apple does not fall far from the tree." May the Philippines be free.—**Jerome Romea, via e-mail**

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Before this boiling issue of impeachment against Chief Justice Davide, his personality and integrity was 99.99 percent unassailable. With his good record, sans these charges, he is one of the best in government nowadays. However, there is no outright conclusion that he is guilty.

To avoid a constitutional crisis, the Chief Justice should do away with the status quo order. He should face the charges squarely, notwithstanding his declaration of war against the legislators. Let the impeachment court be the battleground where he can clear his name and prove his innocence.

Any other direction or proposals like the win-win formula of Speaker Jose de Venecia and the intervention of President Macapagal-Arroyo will not solve this crisis which is affecting the solutions to the tremendous problems of our country today. The national leadership should stop short-changing and blaming each other. Instead of blaming the President for the failure of her leadership to control the issue, she should rather be blamed for the ills of her administration: the rampant graft and corruption, the worsening peace and order situation, and the weak economy. Why blame the legislators who made the exposé, regardless of whether or not they have also skeletons in their closets?—**Boanerges A. Relativo, via e-mail**

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Congress cannot subtly and indirectly circumvent the separation of powers by exercising "oversight powers" on how the Supreme Court spends its budget and funds. This is their pre-condition for settlement. They forgot that the justices are lawyers, too! Certainly, the Court will not accede because the House's intention is to control it.

The situation is blown out of proportion because the House leadership and the President did not control their people. What is the role of the party whip? If the President and the House leadership cannot make their people follow, they should go.—**Glen Brit Hubahib, via e-mail**

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Roco allies pooh-pooh party switch

LEGAZPI CITY—A close ally of candidate for president Raul Roco expressed doubts that the six governors of the Bicol region who switched to the administration Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats would be able to swing votes in favor of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Remedios Manzanilla, Roco's candidate for governor and member of the provincial board of Albay, said he doubted whether the governors—Al Francis Bichara of Albay, Raul Lee of Sorsogon, Antonio Kho of Masbate, Leandro Verceles of Catanduanes, Luis Villafuerte of Camarines Sur and Jesus Typoco of Camarines Norte—could really speak for and on behalf of the Bicolanos.

"The warm welcome of the Bicolanos for the President does not determine what would transpire in the 2004 polls," Manzanilla said.

She said the thousands of people who filled the jampacked Albay Astrodome were actually paid, fed and picked up by several buses and Department of Public Works and Highways trucks parked outside the venue.

"Just a day before the President's visit, DPWH officials were so anxious where to get hundreds of people to fill the astrodome," the Albay lawmaker said.

Manzanilla said the occasion was an official function and government officials were just expected to be present just like her to pay courtesy to the President.

She added that the six governors may stand for their pledge to support the President, "but again, a Bicolano heart is definitely for a Bicolano."

Aside from Manzanilla, who is firm on her bid to run for governor, Roco leaders such as Naga City Mayor Jess Robredo, Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando "Nonoy" Andaya Jr., former Bureau of Internal Revenue commissioner Liwayway Vinzons-Chato of Camarines Norte, Catanduanes Rep. Joseph Santiago and former Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman reaffirmed their confidence in Bicol's support to Roco.

The presidential visit in this province on Wednesday drew a very warm welcome from local leaders and residents, prompting the President to stay overnight in Legazpi City.

The visit is considered as the longest presidential visit in Bicol, where some sites like the one in the Salceda sports complex in Polangui town, and the Albay Astrodome in Legazpi City even served as political venues both for local leaders and the President. *Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

East Samar town gets ₱15M for new roads

BALANGKAYAN, Eastern Samar—President Macapagal-Arroyo has released P15 million for the construction of a farm-to-market road in the remote town of Balangkayan, Eastern Samar.

Balangkayan Mayor Vegerano Gesite said in a statement that the farm-to-market road will cover Barangays General Malvar, Magsaysay, Caisawan, Cantubi, Balogo and Cabay.

Bridges, too

He said the eight-to-10-kilometer road project will include five bridges.

"The project will definitely help a lot the people of Balangkayan, especially the farmers in the various barangays covered by the project," Gesite's statement said.

He said this would greatly eradicate poverty in Balangkayan, as the transport of farm products from interior barangays will be made easier by the new road network.

The municipal council of Balangkayan has passed a resolution expressing gratitude to President Macapagal for releasing the amount for the road project.

Gratitude

Mayor Gesite and the council also thanked Gabriel Claudio, presidential legislative liaison and at the same time also Cabinet officer for Region VIII, Eastern Samar Congressman Marcelino Libanan and Ben Evardone, PNOC Management and Development Corp. director, for helping facilitate the release of the funding for the road project.

Ms Macapagal, who visited Eastern Samar recently, had promised to Mayor Gesite the release of the funding for the farm-to-market road project.

Mayor Gesite said the construction of the project is expected to start this month.

BCDA announces plan to restore gambling in Baguio resort area

By Vincent Cabreza and Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) is restoring the Baguio casino at Camp John Hay after 13 years of absence, according to an Oct. 30 letter of the Bases Conversion Development Authority to the city council.

To guarantee the casino's return, the city council on Wednesday approved a resolution that technically repealed a prohibition on casinos in Camp John Hay, said Ronaldo Perez, city secretary.

He said the council was supposed to deliberate on a BCDA request seeking guidance on the 19 conditions.

But only nine members were present to debate the casino prohibition. Vice Mayor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, the presiding officer, is in Greece while four other councilors are on leave.

Seven councilors were supposed to issue a resolution repealing the 19 conditions, said Councilor Elmer Datuin. Instead, the councilors voted to enact a separate resolution that allowed John Hay to operate a gaming complex, including a casino.

Legally, Datuin said, the new resolution implies that the old resolution defining the 19 conditions is now repealed. Councilor Federico Mandapat Jr., who sponsored the casino resolution, said the establishment of a casino is inevitable because the law allows it.

He said the casino prohibition under the 19 conditions is a binding contract between the city and BCDA that has been superseded by the Pagcor law.

The former Baguio Casino was housed at the Hyatt Terraces Baguio that was destroyed by the quake on July 16, 1990.

Councilor Edilberto Tenefrancia, who shepherded the anti-gambling policy, was the only councilor who opposed the casino resolution.

Councilor Braulio Yaranon, another critic, walked out of the deliberations.

GMA promises enforcement of IP dev't

DAVAO CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo vowed to implement the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) for Indigenous People (IP) that will engineer improvement in ancestral domains.

The first development plan for IPs, the MTPDP will smoothly push development in IP communities with the implementation of government commitments on ancestral domains and economic concerns, peace and order, political, livelihood and basic services.

These commitments include harmonizing certain laws, policies and issuances that affect the full implementation of the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA) such as environment and natural resources laws, National Integrated Protected Areas (NIPAs), Small Mining Act and the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

Presented to the President during the Mindanao Peoples Congress for Peace and Development last week at the Waterfront Insular Hotel, the MTPDP is sealed by commitments of agencies to push its implementation and the 12 milestone agenda by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

The 12-point agenda involved the fast-tracking of delineation and titling of ancestral domain areas; systematizing and advancing the formulation of ancestral domain development plans and programs for ancestral domain titled areas; informed consent as an instrument of empowerment; consultations; exercise of the quasi-judicial function of the commission; IP development plans under the human security network; and intelligent policy dialogues, cultural mapping and other policies that would revitalize the NCIP organization.

On delineation and titling, Ms Macapagal has ordered the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to release another P10 million for delineation of ancestral domain. She has also instructed the Land Registration Authority to extend the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADTs) under the Handog Titulo Program.

The President also ordered Agrarian Reform Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan to suspend the implementation of CARP in ancestral domains while a study on overlap of IPRA and CARP laws is ongoing. *PDI Mindanao Bureau*

TRAINING A US MARINE shows how to handle an armed enemy to Filipino troops during military exercises held in Capas, Tarlac. At least 900 US soldiers are in the country for the 15-day war games. DENNIS SABANGAN/EPA

Gloria vows to make anti-drug campaign tougher

Anthony S. Allada,
PDI Mindanao Bureau

DAVAO CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo on Wednesday vowed a tougher anti-drug campaign, which would ensure that violators, including politicians and members of the police, would not be spared.

Speaking at the turn over ceremonies for the drug rehabilitation center in Bago Oshiro in Tugbok District here on Wednesday, the President said her government's anti-drug campaign would be relentless.

"Whoever is found guilty would be jailed. If he is with a syndicate, then we will deal with him heavily," she said, speaking in Cebuano.

The President said she would ensure that her war against drugs, "which is on its second chapter, would penetrate every nook and corner of every city streets and barangays."

Ms Macapagal said that since the passage of the amended anti-drugs law, which she described as the first chapter of the war on drugs, the government's campaign has already resulted in unprecedented arrests of drug pushers, confiscation of illegal drugs particularly shabu and the closure of shabu laboratories.

Under the old law, a pusher can post bail if he is caught with 200 grams or less of shabu.

But with the amended law, the possession of 10 grams of shabu is enough to send a pusher to jail for life.

During her speech, Ms Macapagal lauded city authorities for making the government's anti-drugs campaign successful not only through arrests, but also by providing a facility for the rehabilitation of drug dependents.

The center, which is the pioneering drug rehabilitation facility in all of Southern Mindanao, is being managed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

It was established May 23, 1985 as the Rehabilitation Center for Drug Dependents.

The center, which is 16.7 kilometers from downtown Davao, was turned over to the city government after officials committed to make it a top-of-the-line center for drug victims.

Realty firm banks on progress, population boom south of Metro

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

THE COUNTRY'S real estate pioneer is banking on the potentials of the country's fastest developing regions south of Metro Manila.

A top executive of the Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) said the company continues to be upbeat about its projects in the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) area.

Vincent Tan, ALI executive vice president for planning, said conditions are very conducive for continued development in Calabarzon.

Tan said the development would be on ALI's main stage even as the firm turns 15 and its mother company, Ayala Corp., and the other Ayala subsidiaries concentrate the capabilities of the conglomerate on Ayala South's Westgrove Heights, Ayala Canlubang Estate and Ayala Greenfields.

Tan said aside from its internal strength, ALI has many reasons to continue being engaged in the Calabarzon area.

Among these, he said, are supportive local governments, the national government's expansion of the South Luzon Expressway and road networks, the thriving industrial zones, the growing population, adequate water supply, flood-free environment and the increasing multi-ranged opportunities for residential, recreational, business and commercial districts.

"There's a lot of potential in the whole of Calabarzon. A lot of activities are going on in the south," says Tan.

Ayala has been quite long in the area to trust the potentials. In 1989, right in the middle of the most serious coup d'etat to hit the government, Ayala's Laguna Property Holdings went ahead with developing the Laguna Techno Park and even the Sta. Rosa Homes, its first mass housing project in the area.

ALI, says Tan, is "not starting from scratch."

Its track record is boosted by the 60 years of experience of Ayala Corp., whose real estate division developed no less than the country's top business and residential districts: Makati, Ayala Alabang and Ayala Alabang Heights.

"We have really established that we could do it. We have a history of doing it, which is more than what we could say for a lot of other things we do now in the Ayala South," Tan says.

"When we look at all the patterns, the direction of movements follows the southward trend," he adds.

Similar to Ayala Corp's successful property development projects, ALI hasput in careful planning for the Ayala South and worked with experts like Calthrope Associates; Helber, Hastert and Young; Wallace Roberts and Todd; and Belt Collins International.

Launched in 1998, Westgrove Heights in Cavite has drawn in about 50 families and dozens more are planning to settle within the 350-hectare estate. On a rolling terrain and surrounded by mango trees, it is any family's dream place.

Over time, the value of land at Westgrove had shot up from P7,200 per square meter to P10,000 per square meter -- a moderate increase considering the times.

"Our business is we add value to the land. As far as the customers are concerned, not all that value is captured into the selling price. Some of that value comes after they buy," Tan says.

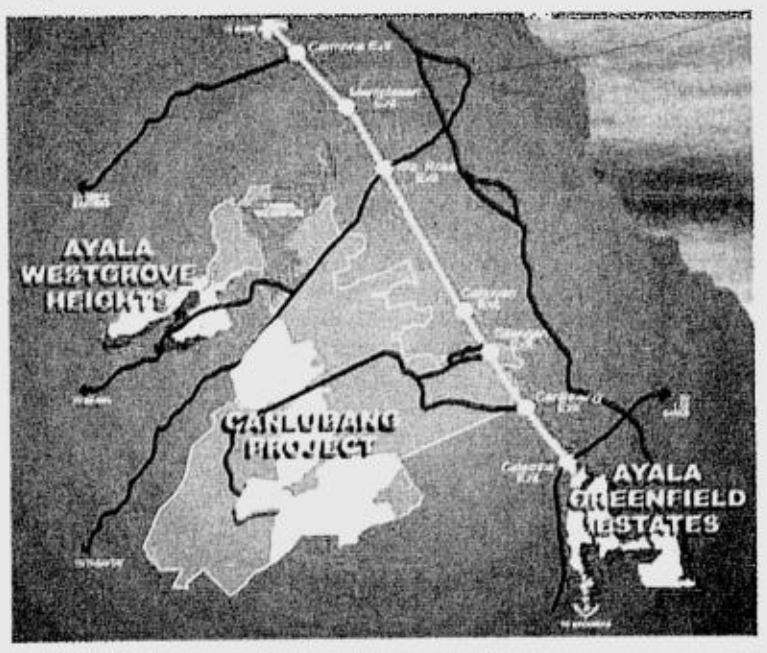
In Ayala Alabang, for example, the price of land, beginning at P250 square meter in 1970, is now 57 times higher.

Westgrove is also turning out to be part of an educational hub. Near it are the St. Scholastica's College, De La Salle University, Xavier School, Brent School, the University of Asia and the Pacific and Don Bosco College.

Like Westgrove, Ayala Greenfield just outside of Calamba City is also a high-end residential community given its location and lush scenery.

Ayala Canlubang, on the other, is the centerpiece of the Ayala South.

"This will be the most complete community," Tan says of the mix of residence, recreation, businesses planned there. "By providing the right facilities, we can attract the right businesses and the locators."



SOUTHWARD expansion for a pioneer developer. ALI

GenSan dad seeks end to vigilante killings

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A member of the city council here has urged the police to once and for all put an end to vigilante-style killings in the city.

Councilor Eduardo Leyson III, chair of the city council's committee on police matters and peace and order, told reporters here the killings have sent shivers of fear down the spine of local residents.

He said he feared that if the killings remained unabated, even the innocent would become victims.

On Tuesday night, four unidentified motorcycle-riding men gunned down an ex-convict and his two other companions while drinking at Dagohoy Paradise in Barangay Dadiangas North here.

The victim was identified as a certain Adonis Hiopre. He died from multiple bullet wounds.

His two companions identified as Eustaquio Pide Jr. and Giza Francisco survived the attack and were confined at a local hospital for treatment.

Hiopre was convicted for robbery and illegal drug case but was recently released from prison.

The assailants immediately fled after the shooting.

Police recovered from the crime scene several bullet shells of a .45 cal. pistol.

Police said the killing could be related to illegal drug activities.

Supt. Efren Alcuizar, Central Mindanao chief of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), confirmed to reporters that Hiopre was included in their watch list.

But Alcuizar denied the involvement of his men in the killing.

"This is a serious problem that must be addressed immediately by our policemen. Something must be done by the local police to put an end to these killings," Leyson said.

The councilor was alarmed upon learning that about 140 persons had already been killed by suspected anti-drug vigilante squad.

He said several residents already aired their concern and outrage over the summary killings here.

Mayor Pedro Acharon Jr. earlier ordered Senior Supt. Jorge Aquisap, city police director, to find means to solve the series of killings.

Sometime last month, Aquisap confirmed to reporters the presence of guns-for-hire preying on suspected drug pushers and users here. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Strike at Bacolod courts continues

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—The week-long protest of court employees demanding higher pay continues to disrupt court transactions at the regional trial courts of Bacolod City.

Executive Judge Pepito Gellada of the Negros Occidental Regional Trial Court yesterday called on court employees to return to work on Thursday since their call for wage increases have already gained national attention.

However, Rene Tolentino, president of the Coalition of Trial Court Employees of Negros Occidental, said on Wednesday they would continue their mass leave until they would get a more a concrete response to their demand for salary increases that, he said, were denied them by Congress.

"We are demanding wage increases in the light of the recent hike in allowances of judges and justices equivalent to 100 percent of their basic salaries to be given over a period of four years," he said.

About 900 court employees of Negros Occidental went on a mass leave starting Monday and plan to return to work Monday next week. Wednesday is a public holiday here as Negros Occidental marks *Cinco de Noviembre*, when Negrense revolutionaries liberated the province from Spain.

The courts operated on a limited scale because 90 percent of the judges were at their offices at the Bacolod Hall of Justice Wednesday despite the mass leave and continued working, Gellada said.

Gellada said he continued to sign commitment orders, approved bail and received complaints that could not be filed at the Office of the Clerk of Court because there were no employees there.

Gellada said a lawyer came to him to seek a Temporary Restraining Order. But it could not be done since if the judge himself would type the TRO, "we have no sheriffs to serve it as they have joined the mass leave," he said.

Negros Occidental Gov. Joseph Maranon said the mass leave of the court employees was a strong signal that there was a serious problem in the judiciary that needed solutions.

"This incident might spread to other agencies of government that could paralyze public service," he said.

The Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees (Courage)-Western Visayas declared its full support and solidarity for the court employees.

In the face of the move to impeach Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., the court employees have again been sidelined by "elite political wrangling," Courage-WV said in a statement.

It said the "self-serving partisan political intramural ih the judicial and legislative halls" would not benefit and promote the welfare of rank-and-file court employees but would only worsen their deprivation.

Row on traffic revives Marcos, Fariñas rift

LAOAG CITY—It took a simple row on traffic rules involving employees of the provincial government to resurrect the political rift between the Marcoses and the Fariñases.

Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. took pot shots at Mayor Roger Fariñas for the alleged haughty manner in which he rebuked three Capitol employees whom the mayor caught parking a government-issued car in a no parking zone.

It was Fariñas who noticed the wrongly parked car while he was driving along a national road here on Oct. 29.

Fariñas, who is known to be harsh against traffic offenders, reportedly grabbed the workers' collars before bringing out his gun when Leonides Ruiz, Renato Caday and Frederick Battulayan refused to surrender their driver's licenses.

The three are detailed at the provincial engineer's office.

Marcos described the mayor's conduct as "uncivilized" and "uncharacteristic of an adult (occupying) a position."

At one point, Marcos banged his fist on the podium while addressing reporters at the capitol's press briefing room on Wednesday.

"I don't understand why you have to strangle and point a gun at somebody who parked in the wrong place. Sometimes, this is why Ilocos Norte is not yet civilized because people behave that way."

Suggesting that residents should take a second look at the mayor's conduct, Marcos said: "You should be watching all of these and make up your mind if this is the way you want your city to be run."

He added: "Let's look at the history of the people involved ... who has an inclination towards unnecessary violence.

"Who has a history of physically threatening employees and even barangay captains and political leaders? You know the history here, we all know."

In 1999, Marcos publicly criticized his former ally, former Ilocos Norte Gov. Rodolfo Fariñas, the mayor's younger brother, for allegedly poking a gun at a Briton over dinner at a local hotel.

The incident caused the friendship between Marcos and Fariñas to turn sour.

Reached for comment, Mayor Fariñas admitted he brought his gun when he confronted the employees. He said it was his police escorts who initially confronted the three for their violation but the three disregarded the officers.

He said he went back and admonished them. He denied poking the gun. ***Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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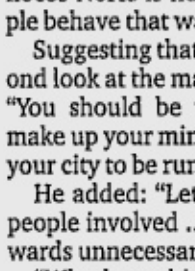

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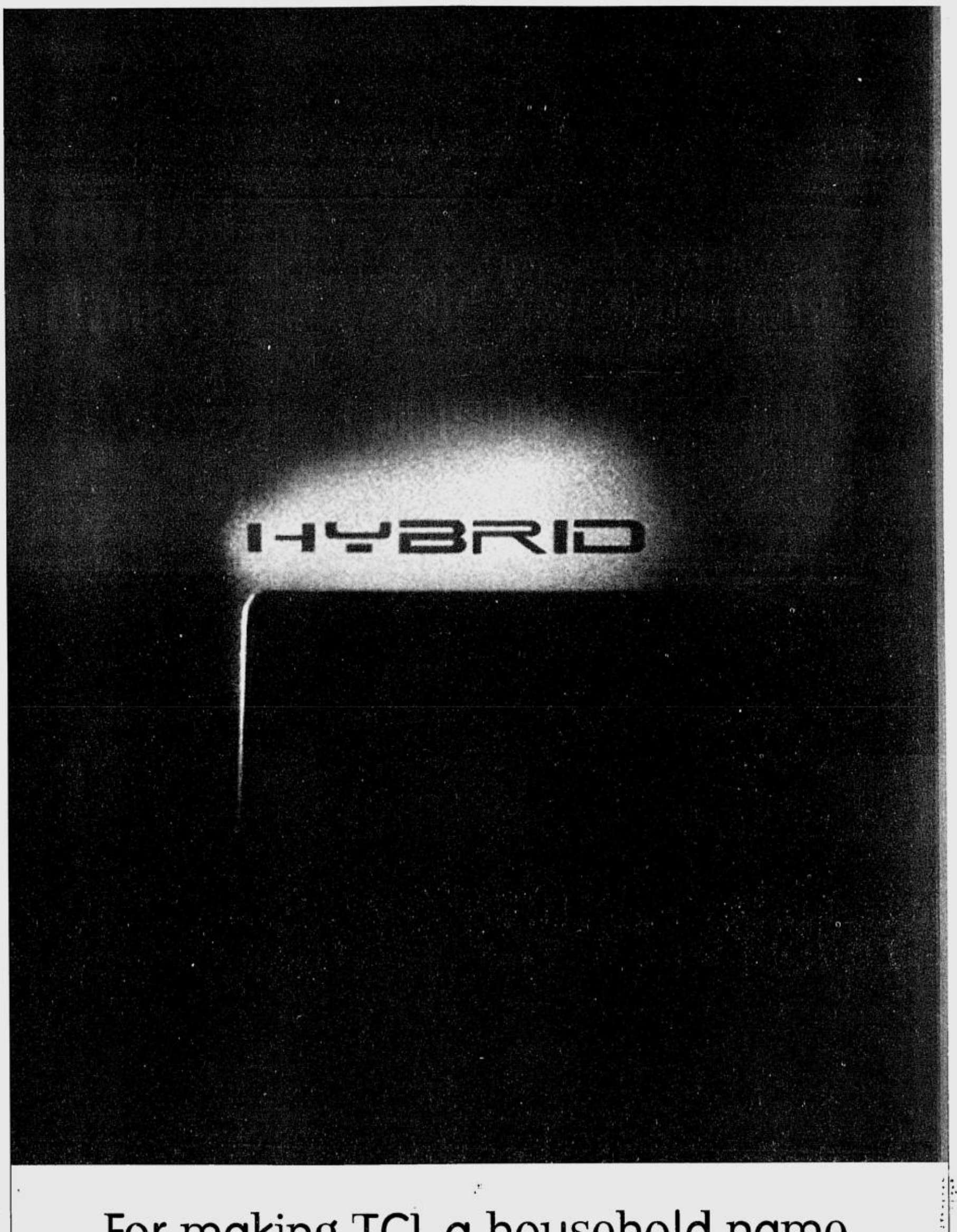

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THE FIRE that hit a paint factory in Barangay Manresa, Quezon City, has been raging for 13 hours. Swirls of paint and soap in psychedelic colors spill out in the streets. JOAN BONDOC

Judge in slapping case faces raps

By Tarra Quismundo

THE CONFRONTATION between a Manila judge and a court employee may soon no longer be just a slapping matter.

Catherine Loja, the 41-year-old court interpreter at the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 49, has announced that she was set to file criminal and administrative charges against her boss, Judge Concepcion Vergara.

Loja, president of the National Capital Region chapter of the Philippine Association of Court Interpreters, is alleging that Vergara slapped her twice, pulled her hair, and shouted at her at about 2 p.m. the other day.

The incident occurred after Loja reportedly talked back at the judge, who had just ordered her staff to look for a court employee who had spread rumors about the Manila magistrates.

Reports reaching Vergara claim that the employee had accused the judges of only using the rank-and-file employees so that they could have their salaries increased.

Loja, in an interview, said that her nape and upper back were still hurting because of her encounter with Vergara.

Both Vergara and Loja reported for work yesterday.

According to Loja, Vergara went straight to her chambers after arriving yesterday morning.

She, on the other hand, occupied her desk.

The judge, however, left court early and was brought to the hospital, related Manila RTC Clerk of Court Jennifer dela Cruz-Buendia.

Buendia said Vergara was suffering from a heart condition.

In describing the judge, Loja said she could not say that Vergara was soft-spoken, as the latter would at times shout at her employees even during hearings.

On the other hand, Buendia pictured Vergara as a nice person, who even calls her staff and other court employees "anak."

The court clerk however recalled that the judge could sometimes be highly emotional.

"She was just offended by one of her staff whom she thought was insubordinate," Buendia said.

Buendia called for calmness among court employees who have become sympathetic to Loja's situation and are planning to go on mass leave on Monday.

Buendia said that the confrontation between Loja and Vergara was an "isolated case" and should not be tangled with other issues currently hounding the judiciary, like the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

METROBRIEFS

Attackers nabbed

TWO of four men who allegedly shot and stabbed a barangay chief security officer in Antipolo City on Wednesday have been arrested. Larry Casere, 26, and his brother Darwin, 27, were hunted down for the attack on Danilo Magtaos, 37, of Sitio Boso-boso, Barangay San Jose, who is now in critical condition at the Amang Rodriguez Hospital in Marikina City. SP01 Carlito Reyes said the Caseres with an elder brother and a certain Lito stormed the home of the Lipio family with whom they had been having a long standing land dispute, at around 8:30 p.m. Magtaos tried to intervene in the ensuing fight but was himself shot and stabbed. *Luige del Puerto*

Woman pinned

A 26-YEAR-OLD pregnant woman and her baby died after they were pinned between a shuttle bus and a passenger jeepney in Muntinlupa City Wednesday afternoon. The baby of Lorena Martinez, who was 9 months pregnant, died later that day while she succumbed to her injuries yesterday. According to SPO1 Reynero Abo, Martinez was about to board a passenger jeepney along the East Service Road of the South Luzon Expressway when the Prince shuttle bus driven by Jaury Marfil crashed into her from behind at 1:20 p.m. Marfil said his brakes failed. Two other passengers, Jester Fernando, 29, and Edna Esplana, 30, sustained minor injuries and were taken with Martinez to the Alabang Medical Center. *Christine Paita*

Killer cargo truck

SEVENTY-ONE-year-old Francisco Limon and his wife Carmelina, 72, of Biak na Bato Street, Tondo, Manila, could still be alive today had the driver of a passenger jeepney that drove them from Divisoria not let them off in the middle of the street. SP01 Mario Jorge said the couple were standing in the middle of Abad Santos Street near Villaroel Street in Tondo at around 4:30 p.m. when the cargo truck driven by Jose Mallari came speeding by and hit them. Mallari said he did not see the couple because his truck was too high. *Leila Salaverria*

Caught on camera

IT WAS too late for Jojo Ramos, 33; Dalin Ramos, 29, both of Natividad Street, Bambang, Sta. Cruz, Manila; and Ana Yamba, 32, of Laurence Street, BF Homes, Mapayapa, Quezon City, to realize that the B&W Specialty Shop at the Shangri-La in Mandaluyong, where they were shoplifting had a hidden camera. They were caught on camera Wednesday stealing a P85,000 figurine. *Luige del Puerto*

2 hurt as fire hits QC paint factory

By Tina Santos and Leila Salaverria

TWO people on Wednesday night were injured in a fire that hit a five-story paint factory in Quezon City.

At press time yesterday, firefighters are still battling the blaze.

Arson investigators said they found it difficult to put out the fire since most of the materials stored in the plant were highly combustible.

F03 Fortunato Alde of the Central Police District Fire Station said the fire broke out at the Pacific Paint and Oil Manufacturing on Tagdalit and Ubudan Streets in Barangay Manresa, Quezon City, at 9:57 p.m. on Wednesday.

Roberto Gonzales, 22, a factory worker, sustained minor burns in the face, Alde said.

Another factory worker, who has yet to be identified, suffered difficulty in breathing.

Both victims were taken to the Chinese General Hospital for treatment, Alde said.

The blaze began on the third floor of the factory where cans of substandard paint were stocked.

The fire quickly spread to the main office of the warehouse and engulfed the entire establishment, arson investigators said.

Damage was initially estimated at P10 million.

In Paco, Manila, residents of a house were jolted from sleep early yesterday morning when a fire hit their house and damaged P1 million worth of property.

The fire began at around 1:30 a.m. in the house of Edward Que on Zulueta Street. The blaze reached fifth alarm before it was put out at 2:14 a.m.

Gary V's SUV stolen

A SPORTS utility vehicle owned by the media outfit of singer Gary Valenciano was stolen the other night in San Juan, police said.

Robbers drove away with the silver gray Toyota Land Cruiser (PME-300), of Angeli Pangilinan, wife of Valenciano at around 9:15 p.m. The vehicle was parked in front of the Lim Ket Kai building on Ortigas Avenue in Greenhills, police said.

Jun Estinoso, Valenciano's driver, told the police that he heard some noise coming from the parking area.

When he checked it out, he said he saw the Land Cruiser already speeding away.

The SUV is registered under the name of GVPI, Valenciano's media outfit.

Valenciano's wife told the INQUIRER that the SUV was the third vehicle stolen while parked at the Greenhills Parking Area.

Angeli said comedian Candy Pangilinan lost her Toyota Lite Ace while the Toyota Tamaraw of Beth Eduave, Shining Light Foundation director, was stolen in 2000.

Angeli said she also lost her Nissan Safari in Makati City in 1999 while July Regio, Genesis Entertainment secretary, lost her Toyota Tamaraw in Cainta, Rizal.

VALENCIANO

"That means (we) lost five cars already," she said. "The peace and order in our country must be really bad." *Luige del Puerto, Marinel Cruz*

2 WPD lawmen charged with robbery

THEY passed up the chance to explain themselves before the police. Now they would just have to explain themselves in court.

SP01 Rolando Nicolas and P03 Luis Obina, both members of the Station 2 of the Western Police District, are facing robbery charges after they failed to appear at the General Assignments Section of the WPD yesterday to air their side regarding the complaint lodged against them by an eatery owner.

The two policemen, along with two other men, were accused of taking P4,000 from the home of Felipe Tomenes, 54, owner of an eatery and resident of Tondo, Manila.

Tomenes told police that the incident happened at noon on Nov. 3.

SP04 Cecilio Sacorum, case investigator, said the two lawmen were given a chance to air their side first before they were charged. *Leila Salaverria*

Manila set to lose another centuries-old structure

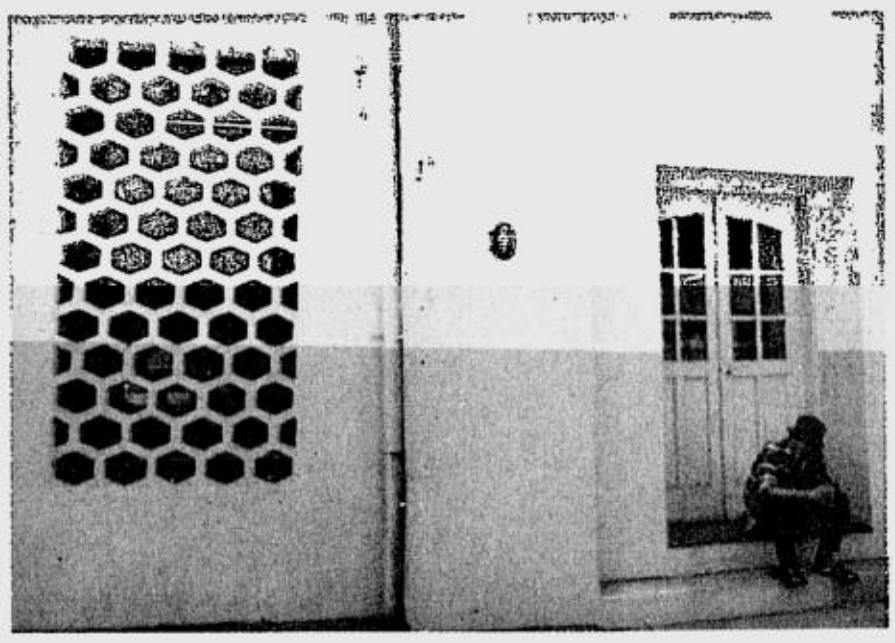
By Tarra Quismundo

IT IS as if Manila needs another mall, and the cityscape is dotted with centuries-old structures.

But according to city officials, what is left of an 18th-century structure will have to give way to a shopping mall and an annex of the Manila City Hall.

A joint venture of City Hall and private developer Bullion Investment and Development Corporation, calls for the dismantling of what remains of the Spanish era Meisic Cuartel, or Cuartel de Caballeria, in Binondo, Manila.

The structure, which has been around since the mid-1700s, originally served as the barracks of the Guardia de Acaballo, Manila's first law enforcers comprised of soldiers who volunteered to fight the city's "evil elements," according to Lorelei de Viana in her book, "Three Centuries of Binondo Architecture."



THIS TREE-LINED avenue (above) would be turned into a row of window shops and government offices, if Manila officials and private developers were to have their way. At left, a man sits on the entrance of the Cuartel. ERIK ARAZAS

Not historical

The Meisic Cuartel occupies an entire block bordered by the Meisic and Reina Regente Streets in Binondo. Divisoria, one of Manila's prime shopping areas, is nearby. And so are public and private elementary and high schools.

The city government owns the land where the Cuartel sits.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, in a phone interview, told the INQUIRER that "nothing historical is going to be destroyed."

"The structure is not historic," said Atienza, adding that many other parts of downtown Manila needs similar development. "The project is part of our effort to maximize land use. It will add commercial life to the area that is now blighted and dark at night."

The Meisic Cuartel now serves as the headquarters of Station 11 of the Western Police District. It is also home to the WPD museum and the Retirees Quarters. WPD memorabilia are on display at the Cuartel.

Earthquake

Only a faint trace of history remains in the Cuartel. Some of the walls and the main entrance are all that is left of the original structure—nature, war, and time have taken its toll.

Most of its interior has already been refurbished and repainted, its floors repaved with modern tiles.

An earthquake destroyed the Cuartel on June 3, 1863, but was rebuilt 10 years later and became a tobacco factory called the Fabrica de Puros de Meisic, according to author de Viana, a member of the National Historical Institute.

In her book, she had included an 1882 description of the Cuartel: "(It had a) galvanized iron roof, pavements of ordinary stone and Chinese granite blocks ... 147 windows, and two entrances."

According to an article by Anson Yu posted on the website www.tsinoy.com, American troops also used the Meisic Cuartel as their barracks in 1901.

Japanese garrison

Twenty years later, the Cuartel became Manila's Police Station 1.

During World War 2, the Cuartel became a Japanese garrison. After the war, it reverted to a police precinct.

With the scheduled construction, the police station is going to be moved to the new City Hall annex.

NHI Historic Preservation Division Chief Reynaldo Inovero said that the Meisic Cuartel is among the places lined up for the installation of a historical marker.

Such a marker, he said, would have given the NHI a say on any construction that will be undertaken in the area.

Commercial complex

Steve Veloria, the project's lead engineer from the Contractor Federal Builders Inc., said that they will finish the four-story City Hall annex, which is going to be constructed facing Meisic Street, before they demolish the rest of the Cuartel and the Meisic Health Center.

In its place, a four-level commercial complex will be built.

Veloria said that the two structures will occupy some 4,000 square meters.

Atienza told the INQUIRER that "not a single centavo" will be spent by City Hall for the joint venture.

He added that the private developer will put in at least P70 million for the construction of the City Hall Annex and the mall. This cost, he said, could balloon to as much as P200 million.

The mayor said that the ownership of the commercial area "will revert back to city hall after 25 years."

Atienza said that the City Hall Annex will house the health center and the office that issues health and workers' permits, and birth certificates.

Walls go down

Atienza also said that the developers would be paying "a minimal fixed rent" for the space the commercial area will occupy in the government-owned land.

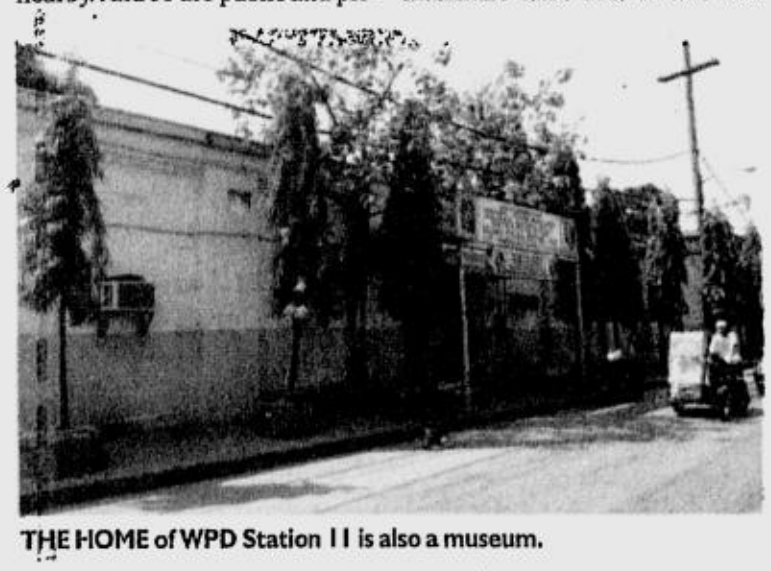
He said that City Hall will get a share of the income the private developers will get out of renting out commercial spaces.

William Ang, marketing agent hired by the private developer, said that around 300 commercial spaces, around eight to ten square meters, will comprise the four-story mall.

He said in an interview that clothing stalls, electronics shops, fitness centers, clinics, and other stores that are "community-oriented" will be found in the mall.

Atienza said that the developers will have to coordinate with City Hall in renting out spaces, and that video game shops will not be allowed in the building.

City hall and the private developers are bent on pursuing the project. Men and machines will bring about what nature, war and time have failed to do—bring down the walls of the Cuartel.



THE HOME of WPD Station 11 is also a museum.

THE WALLS and the entrance are all that is left of the original Meisic Cuartel structure.

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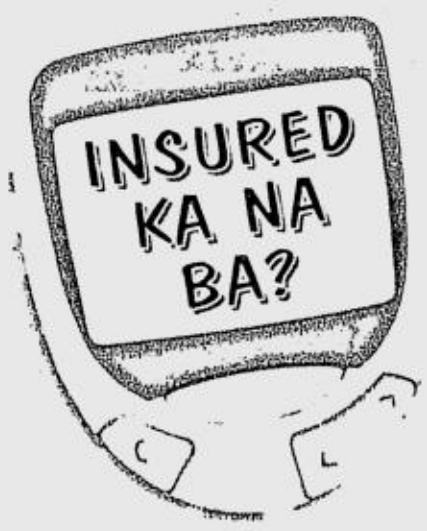

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WHEREAS the Insured described in the Personal Information Sheet hereby attached and made an integral part of this Policy, being desirous of insuring himself in the manner referred to as TEXT INSURE, has registered with and purchased his insurance via TEXT INSURE and has declared truthfully and completely, and personally signed the said Personal Information Sheet which declaration it is agreed shall be the basis of the contract for the insurance hereby intended to be made and incorporated herein;

NOW THIS POLICY OF INSURANCE WITNESSETH that at any time during the said period wherein the Insured is covered by a validly purchased TEXT INSURE insurance, or during any subsequent period for which the Company may agree to renew the insurance, the Insured shall sustain bodily injury caused by violent accidental external and visible means which injury shall result in his death or disablement as hereinafter defined, the Company will, subject to the terms, provisos and conditions of and endorsed on this Policy, pay to the Insured or the person or persons specified in Proviso 3 the sum or sums of money specified in the Table of Benefits.

TABLE OF BENEFITS

BODILY INJURY caused by violent accidental external and visible means which injury shall result in:

1. Death occurring within twelve calendar months of bodily injury as aforesaid.
2. Permanent Disablement occurring within twelve calendar months of bodily injury as aforesaid and not followed within twelve calendar months of said bodily injury by the death of the Insured.

(Limit of Php 500,000 coverage at any one time regardless of the number of purchases)

TABLE OF COMPENSATION

COVERAGES	BENEFITS
Accidental Death	100%
Permanent loss of or loss of use of	
• Both hands or both feet	100%
• One hand and one foot	100%
• One hand or foot and sight of one eye	100%
• Sight of both eyes	100%
• One hand or one foot or sight of one eye	50%

Any bodily injury or disablement not specified above shall not be covered by this policy.

"Loss" as above used with reference to hand or foot means complete severance at or above the wrist or ankle respectively, and as used with reference to eyes, means total and irrecoverable loss of sight. If the Insured shall sustain more than one of such losses as a result of one accident, payment of the amounts shall be made only for that one loss for which the largest amount is payable. Losses sustained as a result of any subsequent accidents shall be considered for payment separately from and independently of other losses sustained in a previous accident. In any policy period, the aggregate amount payable under the Accidental Disablement Benefit with respect to any one or more accidents shall not exceed P 500,000. The amount of benefit payable for loss of life arising from independent, unrelated accident shall always be P 500,000 regardless of the amount(s) paid under the Accidental Disablement Benefit.

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5. The individual must not belong to the occupations listed under Section II – Exclusions
6. The individual must not be suffering from any physical disability or critical illness.

II. EXCLUSIONS

1. The Policy shall not apply to the following occupations:
   acrobats, aircrew, airport maintenance, ambulance personnel, artists engaged in hazardous activities, asylum attendants, blasting, boiler, construction, demolition, and exterior building workers, detective, divers, film cameramen, firemen, fishermen, loggers, manufacturers/makers of ammunition, firework and explosives, military personnel, miners, news reporters/photographers whilst on duty, oil rig workers, paramedics, persons working at heights, policemen, politicians, professional drivers, professional sportsmen/women, quarry workers, sawmill workers, seamen, security guards, stevedores, structural steel workers, stuntmen, underground/underwater workers, workers of amusement/fairground, circus, zoo and wildlife parks,
2. The Policy shall not cover the disappearance of the Insured nor shall it extend to cover death or disablement by or happening through: a) bacterial infections (except pyogenic infections which shall occur through an accidental cut or wound) or infections caused by parasites; or b) medical or surgical treatment (except such as may be necessary solely by reason of injuries covered by this policy); c) miscarriage or pregnancy; d) suicide, self inflicted injury, or any attempt thereat; e) murder and assault, or any attempt thereat; f) war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities, or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), mutiny, strikes, riots, civil commotion, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, conspiracy, military or usurped power, quarantine,; g) nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination; h) while participating in professional athletics or any organized and scheduled amateur physical contact sport; i) while engaging in but not limited to mountaineering requiring the use of ropes and guides, skin diving employing the use of compressed air cylinders, racing on wheels or horseback, skydiving from device for aerial navigation, hang gliding; j) cave in of mines; k) while under the influence of drug or alcohol; l) while committing or attempting to commit any crime, felony or other illegal act; m) while traveling in an aircraft other than one licensed for public passenger service and operated by a regular airline or a published scheduled flight over a regular air route between two definitely established airports and in which the Insured is traveling as a ticket holding passenger.

III. PROVISOS

1. Any fraud, misrepresentation, misstatement, or concealment in respect of this insurance, whether in electronic or in written form, of any claim shall render this Policy null and void and any benefit shall be forfeited.
2. Compensation shall be payable only when the entire amount of the claim shall have been ascertained and proven to the satisfaction of the company.
3. Indemnities for loss of life of the Insured is payable to the beneficiary indicated herein, if surviving the Insured, and otherwise to the estate of the Insured. All other indemnities of this policy are payable to the Insured. The receipt of such person or persons shall in all respect be an effective discharge to the Company.

IV. CONDITIONS

1. The insurance coverage shall commence upon confirmation by the Company, via text messages to the Insured, of all valid TEXT INSURE application and purchases. The confirmation text message will indicate the date and time of the commencement of the 24-hour insurance coverage and a unique Certificate of Coverage Number for every particular TEXT INSURE purchase.
2. This Policy, unless otherwise renewed, will have a fixed term of 24 hours. The insurance coverage shall terminate in the event of accidental death as provided therein, otherwise the Policy will automatically terminate after 24 hours from the date and time indicated in the confirmation text message sent by the Company to the Insured.
3. The Insured, at his option and subject to the terms and conditions herein, may renew his insurance coverage at any time by purchasing, via TEXT INSURE, another 24-hour insurance coverage. The Insured can only renew his insurance coverage once for every 24-hour period. This Policy is automatically renewed, without the need for re-application, every time the Company accepts and confirms the TEXT INSURE purchase.
4. This Policy includes the electronic TEXT INSURE text messages sent by the Insured to the Company and the attached Personal Information Sheet, and contains the entire contract of insurance. None of the provisions, conditions, and terms of this Policy shall be waived or altered except by endorsement, signed or initialed by an authorized official of the Company and issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the Insurance Code.
* 5. Written notice of injury on which claim may be based must be given to the Company within thirty days after the date of accident causing the injury. In the event of death, immediate notice thereof must be given to the Company.
* 6. Such notice given by or in behalf of the Insured, or beneficiary as the case may be, to the Company, at the City of Manila, or to any authorized agent of the Company, with particulars sufficient to identify the Insured, shall be deemed to be notice to the Company. Failure to give notice within the time provided in this Policy shall not invalidate any claim if it can be shown not to have been reasonably possible to give such notice and that notice was given as soon as reasonably possible.
7. The Company, upon receipt of such notice, will furnish to the claimant such forms as are usually furnished by it for filing proofs of loss. If such forms are not furnished within thirty days after its receipt of such notice, the claimant shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this Policy as to proof of loss upon submitting within the time fixed in the Policy for filing proofs of loss or written proof covering the occurrence, character and extent of the loss for which claim is made.
8. Affirmative proof of loss must be furnished to the Company at its said offices in case of claim for loss within ninety days after submission of notice referred to in No.5.
9. All certificates, information and evidence required by the Company shall be furnished at the expense of the Insured or the Insured's legal personal representatives and shall be in such form and of such nature as the Company may prescribe. The Insured as often as required shall submit to medical examination on behalf of the Company at its own expense in respect of any alleged bodily injury. The Company shall in case of the death of the Insured be entitled to have a post mortem examination at its own expense. The Insured shall as soon as possible after the occurrence of any injury obtain and follow the advice of a duly qualified medical practitioner and the Company shall not be liable for any consequences arising by reason of the Insured's failure to obtain or follow such advice and use such appliances or remedies as may be prescribed.
10. The Company shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of an Insured when and as often it may reasonably require during the pendency of claim hereunder, and the right and opportunity to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.
11. The amount of any claim under this Policy for which the Company may be liable shall be paid within thirty days after proof of loss is received by the Company and ascertainment of the loss is made either by agreement between the Insured and the Company or by arbitration; but if such ascertainment is not had or made within sixty days after such receipt by the Company of the proof of loss, then the claim shall be paid within ninety days after such receipt. Refusal or failure to pay the claim within the time prescribed by the Monetary Board, unless such failure or refusal to pay is based on the ground that the claim is fraudulent.
12. All differences as to the amount of any loss arising out of this Policy shall be referred to the decision of an Arbitrator to be appointed by the parties in difference, or if they cannot agree upon a single arbitrator, to the decision of two arbitrators, one to be appointed in writing by each of the parties within thirty (30) days after having been required to do so by either of the parties, and in case of disagreement of the arbitrators, to the decision of an umpire to be appointed in writing by the arbitrators before entering upon the reference. The making of an award shall be a condition precedent to any right of action against the Company. If a claim be made and rejected and an action or suit be not commenced within twelve (12) months after due notice of the award made by the arbitrator or arbitrators or umpire, then the claim shall for all the purpose be deemed to have abandoned and shall not thereafter be recoverable hereunder.
13. No assignment of interest under this Policy shall be binding upon the Company unless and until the original or duplicate thereof is filed at a branch or the home office of the Company. The Company does not assume any responsibility to the validity of any assignment. No change of beneficiary under this Policy shall bind the Company unless consent thereto is formally endorsed hereon by the Company.
14. It is hereby declared and agreed that the provisions of Article 1250 of the Civil Code of the Philippines (R.A. 386) which reads: "In case an extraordinary inflation or deflation of the currency stipulated should supervene, the value of the currency at the time of the obligation shall be the basis of payment..." shall not apply in determining the extent of liability under the provisions of this Policy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Insurance Commissioner, with offices in Manila, Cebu and Davao, is the government official in charge of faithful execution and the enforcement of all laws relating to insurance and has supervision over insurance companies. The Commissioner is ready at all times to render assistance in settling any controversy between an Insurance Company and a Policyholder relating to insurance matters.

In Witness Whereof, **MALAYAN INSURANCE CO., INC.** has caused this Policy to be signed by its duly authorized officer in the City of Manila, Philippines.

Yvonne S. Yuchengco
President

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Owners of illegal taps get last chance

By Tarra Quismundo

GO LEGAL or go to jail.

The warning goes out to Tondo, Manila, residents who would be found having an illegal water connection.

Philip Rosete, Maynilad Water Services Inc. area manager, said people discovered to have unauthorized water lines would be given 24 hours to have their connections legitimized.

Beyond that, Rosete added, their water supply would be cut off and even face criminal prosecution.

According to the Water Crisis Act of 1995, home owners who use illegal water connections face stiff fines or six months imprisonment.

Rosete, however, explained that people who had illegally tapped into Maynilad's pipes would not be rushed to pay the required fees.

The 24-hour deadline would be for "expressing their intent" to legalize their connection after the illegal tap had been discovered.

The owner of the illegal water line will then be given a week to pay the P500 application fee and up to one year to pay the P5,171 installation fee.

Since the Maynilad began repairing the water system in Tondo, particularly in the areas hit by an outbreak of gastroenteritis, 192 leaks have been repaired.

Of this number, 51 were identified as "outright illegal" connections.

Manila Mayor Joselito Atienza Jr. said in a press briefing with Maynilad and Department of Health officials that City Hall would strictly enforce the law on illegal water connections.

Atienza said he has ordered barangay officials to report illegal connections to the Maynilad and assist the water firm in implementing the law.

Much of the blame for the recent gastroenteritis outbreak has been put on the damage caused by unauthorized water taps on the water system.

During the same briefing, Maynilad President Rafael Alunan III said efforts to stop further contamination were continuing.

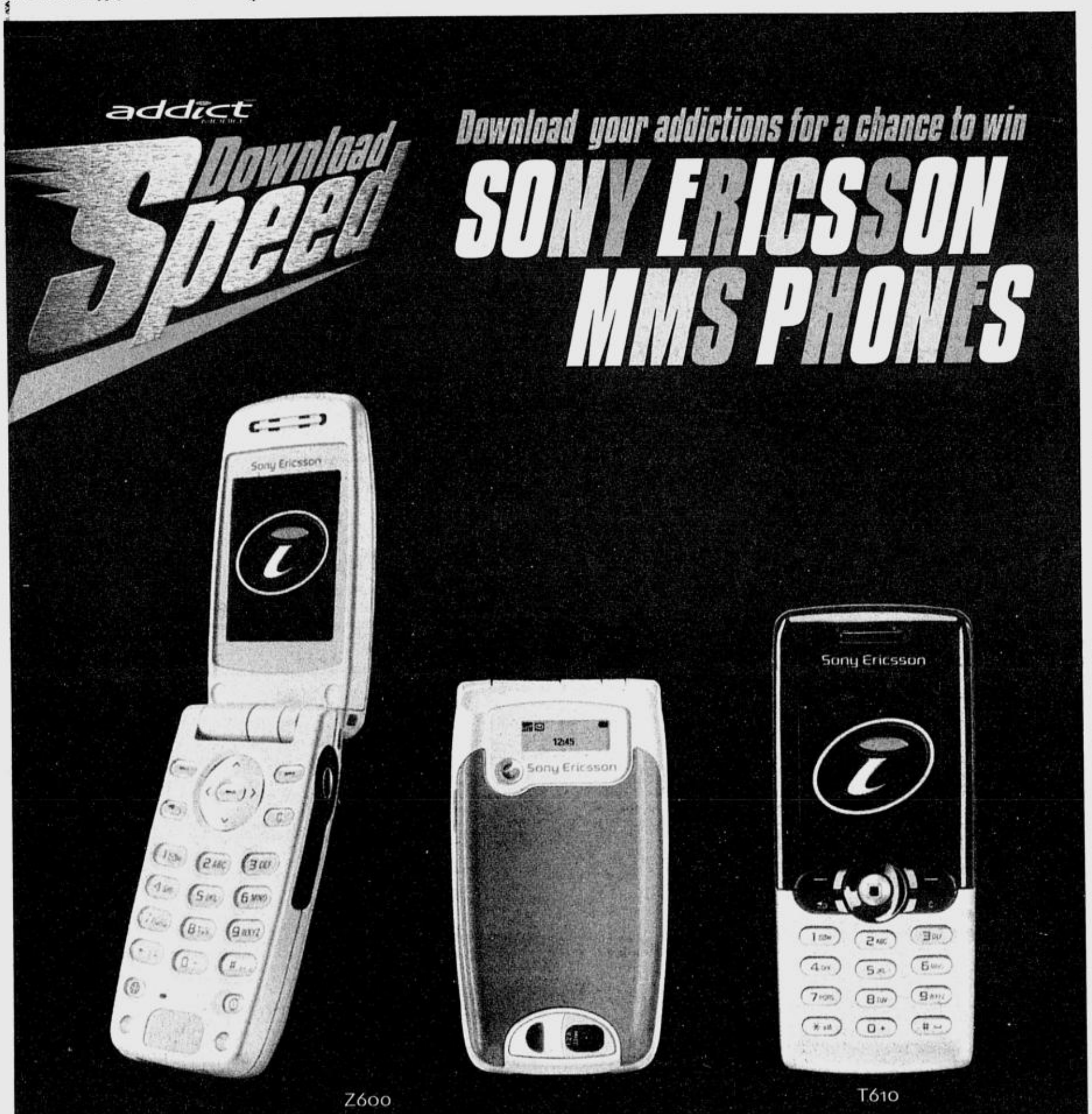
Alunan said Maynilad would be spending around P200 million this year to repair leaks, disconnect illegals and lay down new pipes.

The water firm, the Manila City Health Department and the Department of Health have started parallel investigations on the causes of the Oct. 23 to Nov. 2 outbreak.

Alunan said every citizen should be mindful of his duty and responsibility to protect the water system to prevent a system breakdown.

This developed as Sen. Manny Villar called on the government to punish negligent officials found responsible for the outbreak in Tondo.

The senator also urged the inspection of the quality of water being sold in water refilling stations after one such business was found selling tainted water.



NCRPO beefs up security around U-belt

By Tina Santos

THE NATIONAL Capital Regional Police Office (NCRPO) is tightening security around universities and schools in Metro Manila to prevent criminals from victimizing students, especially with the run-up to the Christmas season.

NCRPO chief Reynaldo Velasco yesterday ordered his men to secure the students amid reports of rising crimes around school areas.

"Expect the influx of high-profile and street crimes especially now that the Christmas season nears. But be assured that our policemen are doing their best in curbing such incidents," Velasco said.

He noted that most of the victims of street crimes were students.

"They're very vulnerable that's why they often fall prey to the criminals," he said.

Furthermore, he pointed out that any parent would prioritize the safety of his child, which prompts the urgency of protecting the students.

He said the fielding of bus detectives to secure the public, especially students, against holdup men would continue.

'Missionary' for inmates almost jailed

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

A CON ARTIST who pretended to be a priest raising funds for inmates was himself almost jailed in Malabon City yesterday.

The suspect who identified himself as Eric Cabangon or Fr. Eric, 28, went to the office of Malabon police chief Pedro Ramos at about 11 a.m. the other day and asked for a donation for a supposed foundation helping prisoners.

Ramos was moved by the "priest's" narration of the foundation's activities and decided to give Cabangon P1,000.

But before handing over the money, the police chief thought of asking some identification from Cabangon.

However, all that Cabangon could produce was an old ID from a cathedral in Basilan. The ID also did not say that he was a priest.

Ramos asked for other documents that would prove that Cabangon was a priest and that he indeed worked for a foundation, but the man could not give Ramos anything.

The police chief got suspicious and asked if Cabangon could call any friend or a fellow priest to confirm his identity. Cabangon, however, could not name anyone.

Thus, Ramos prepared a complaint for estafa against Cabangon, who was detained at the police chief's office for verification.

The suspect later told the INQUIRER, "I have done no wrong. God has a plan in making this happen to me."

He said he was a priest before, but he left the church to pursue his charity work. He added that he worked for a foundation before, but that he was now doing rounds in the city jails by himself.

After several hours, Ramos ordered Cabangon released after the suspect asked to be put in jail and began preaching to the detainees.

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NEW CONTROVERSY LOOMS

PSC shifts media stance

By Marc Anthony Reyes

WITH bad press coming out and going straight at it, the Philippine Sports Commission yesterday adopted drastic measures as another controversy threatened to hurt the national sports agency anew.

Arsenic Lacson, the agency's top public relations man, himself said that PSC chair Eric Buhain has asked him not to respond to specific questions from reporters covering the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, which houses the PSC, Philippine Olympic Committee and most of the national sports associations.

"Per instruction of the chair, my office is now off the POC-PSC Media Group. Please direct all communications to the chair," read the text message Lacson sent to the press corps members.

Buhain said Lacson will remain as media information officer.

The PSC move came in the wake of reports about the revival of the lifestyle check on Buhain and his so-called "Magnificent 7" which includes Lacson.

The investigation has been elevated to the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission, the top body looking out for irregularities committed by government officials.

Meanwhile, sources in the PSC claimed that its officials had asked for P5 million additional fund from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. for the recent Palarong Pambansa days before the Games began in Lanao del Norte.

The amount constitutes "contingency funds" for the games.

It was not immediately known whether Pagcor chief Ephraim Genuino granted the request, which was supposed to be apart from the Palaro's P40 million budget that came from Ms Macapagal's Presidential Social Fund (P30 million) and the Congress (P10 million).

This developed as talks went around about a top-level PSC official who has gifted his wife with a Ford Expedition despite getting a monthly salary of only P25,000.

The talks came from a former PSC employee who is now connected with a multinational pharmaceutical firm, where the PSC official's wife is also working.

The newest car issue is expected to heighten controversies surrounding the PSC which, ironically, started when flashy vehicles started showing up at the PSC parking lot.

It was followed by the PSC's alleged involvement in the importation of 17 thoroughbreds in an attempt to escape paying stiff taxes and, lately, the delayed salaries of its contractual employees.

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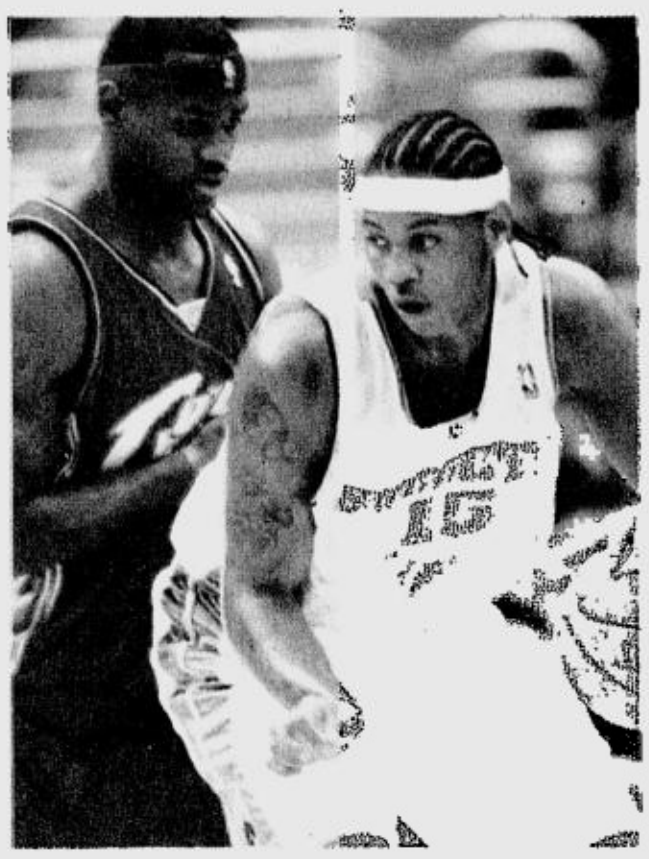

CARMELO Anthony of the Denver Nuggets (right) outshines LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first confrontation between the NBA's top young talents. AFP

Anthony puts James in the shade

CLEVELAND, Ohio—The battle between rookies LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony went in favor of an Ohio native.

Unfortunately for James, it was pint-sized Denver Nuggets guard Earl Boykins.

Boykins scored 10 of his 18 points in a 2:04 span to lift the Nuggets to a 93-89 victory and upstage James' National Basketball Association home debut with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

James arrived in style at Gund Arena, wearing a white suit for his much-anticipated matchup with Anthony, who led Syracuse to the national title last year.

The two exchanged greetings before the nationally televised matchup of two of the league's top young talents, which drew celebrities such as rapper Jay-Z and Cincinnati Reds outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr.

"It'll be like this every time we play," Anthony said. "I have to get used to this." After logging seven scoreless minutes in the first half, Boykins led the way in the third quarter.

The Cleveland native and former Cavalier assisted on Jon Barry's 3-pointer that capped a 9-1 spurt for a 64-56 advantage with 4:28 left.

"Earl Boykins had a great night," Cleveland coach Paul Silas said.

Anthony bounced back from a 1-of-13 effort in Tuesday's loss at Indiana to exploit Darius Miles for 14 points. The No. 3 overall pick got off to a strong start with seven points in the first four minutes but finished 6-of-17 from the field.

The top overall pick, James did not score in the second half and finished with just seven points. He also had seven assists and 11 rebounds.

His lone scoring highlight was a one-handed dunk 5 1/2 minutes into the game for his only basket of the first quarter, but he was a dismal 3-of-11 from the floor.

"You all make everything out to be too much, but I can't control that," James said. "Me and Melo just have to go out there and play our game. I love to play the game and competing with one of my best friends makes it even more special." "He didn't play that well offensively, but he got 11 rebounds for me and seven assists," Silas said. *AFP*

Arenas triple double sparks Wizards; Nash injured

WASHINGTON—Gilbert Arenas had 25 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, and the Washington Wizards capitalized on a shoulder injury to Dallas Mavericks guard Steve Nash in a 100-90 victory.

"We wanted to show the NBA that we can be as up-tempo, athletic and aggressive as the Dallas Mavericks," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "They're a team we admire because they play a fun, wide-open game, they have scorers all over the place and create different mismatches."

Nash played only seven minutes Wednesday, contributing two points and two assists before leaving in the first quarter with a strained left shoulder. The extent of the injury was not immediately disclosed.

Arenas, signed as a free agent in August, recorded Washington's first triple-double since Rod Strickland in April 1999.

In other games, it was New Orleans 106, Philadelphia 99 in overtime; Detroit 96, Boston 88; Milwaukee 106, New York 90; Chicago 106, Orlando 100; Sacramento 125, Minnesota 121 (OT); Utah 91, Phoenix 80. *AP*

K.O. SHOWDOWN

Purefoods favored over Alaska

PUREFOODS and Alaska dispute today the last quarterfinal seat in Group A of the Samsung-PBA Reinforced Conference at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Both squads wound up tied at 4-9 after Barangay Ginebra dealt a third straight loss Wednesday on Alaska, which continued to suffer with the absence of the injured Ali Peek.

The winner of the 7 p.m. duel moves up against top Group A qualifier Sta. Lucia Realty in a best-of-three quarterfinal series while the loser gets an early Christmas vacation like Shell in Group B.

Alaska and Purefoods split their two meetings in the season-ending conference with coach Tim Cone and the Aces winning the first encounter, 97-91, before Ryan Gregorio and his troops evened up matters with a 94-92 squeaker a month back.

But the Hotdogs enjoy a huge edge this time with the absence of Peek, who underwent surgery recently to remove fluids and suspected bone chips on his left knee.

Gregorio is not taking the Aces lightly, however. "We are not taking any chances. We're going all out and expect this game to be a tough battle for survival," said the youthful mentor who steered the Hotdogs to last season's Governors Cup title.

GAMES TOMORROW *(Cuneta Astrodome)*
7 p.m.—Alaska vs Purefoods

Lenny Cooke, who has emerged as the highest-scoring import with an average of 39 points per game, will be the main man for the Hotdogs, who seemed lost until he arrived some three weeks ago.

Cooke said he knows what the Aces plan to do and vowed to keep his teammates on their toes both in defense and offense.

"I will try to get the rest of the team involved. It's a long trip back home and I'm not in the mood to go home yet," said Cooke.

Meanwhile, the Group B qualifiers are itching to do battle in the quarterfinal round which is slated to begin on Sunday.

Top-seeded Red Bull Barako takes on Talk 'N Text while second-ranked Coca-Cola tackles sister squad Barangay Ginebra in separate best-of-three duels.

In beating Alaska, Ginebra clinched the No. 3 slot over Talk 'N Text due to a higher quotient.

NOY Castillo of Purefoods and Alaska's Mike Cortez (11) will be the key backcourt players in their knockout match today. PDI PHOTO

SPORTS BITS

Big Clijsters start; Capriati, Rubin gain

LOS ANGELES—World No. 1 Kim Clijsters made it look easy, but Jennifer Capriati and Chanda Rubin had to battle to emerge from the opening day of the 3 million-dollar WTA Tour Championships with round-robin victories.

Clijsters, who is seeking to defend the title she won last year as well as secure the year-end world No. 1 ranking, needed less than an hour to defeat Russian Elena Dementieva 6-2, 6-2.

Capriati defied a muscle strain that required mid-match treatment to defeat Japan's Ai Sugiyama, 7-5, 7-6 (7/3). Rubin outlasted France's Amelie Mauresmo, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. *AFP*

A Texas-sized Tour Championship duel

HOUSTON—The Tour Championship is usually nothing more than a season-ending celebration for the top 30 players, a chance for the rich to get even richer.

Not this year.

Champions Golf Club is shaping up to be the scene of a Texas-sized duel between Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh, who play this week in the final tournament of the year with more than just bragging rights on the line.

At stake is the PGA Tour money title, which Woods has owned the last four years. *AP*

Golf great Palmer to remarry at 74

HOUSTON, Texas—Golfing legend Arnold Palmer announced his engagement here Wednesday to Kit Gawthrop, going public with plans to remarry at age 74.

Palmer was married to his first wife, Winnie, for 45 years before she died in 1999 of ovarian cancer.

No date has been set, but Palmer declared that his golfing fans, the fabled Arnie's Army, will not know about his wedding until after the fact.

Gawthrop, divorced 20 years ago after her first marriage lasted for 30 years, said the two have discussed wedding plans for six months. *AFP*

Libyan leader's son flunks dope test

ROME—The Series A career of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son Saadi suffered a major setback before it even began due to a failed doping test.

After becoming one of the most ballyhooed recruits in the top Italian soccer league's history in June, Saadi Gadhafi tested positive in a drug exam following what was to have been his first match, the Italian Olympic Committee said Wednesday. *AP*

Arevalo keeps RP colors flying

CZARINA Mae Arevalo recovered from a first-set loss to stun fifth seed Mari Inoue of Japan, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, yesterday and entered the quarterfinals of the Union Cement ITF Women's Circuit at the Ynares Sports Center in Pasig City.

Arevalo, fresh from the Afro-Asian Games in Hyderabad, India where she won four bronze medals, dominated the final two sets in scoring her first win in three meetings against the Japanese.

Inoue took a toilet break after dropping the second set, hoping to break Arevalo's momentum. She won the first two games of the final set, but then Arevalo won the next six to seal the well-applauded match.

Arevalo, the only Filipina left in the tournament, forged a quarterfinal showdown with Croatian Marija Abramovic, who beat second seed Wang I-ting of Chinese-Taipei, 6-4, 6-3, in this tournament supported by the ITF Grand Slam Development Fund, Wilson Balls, Viva Mineral Water, Holiday Inn Manila Galleria and the Asian Sports Management Inc.

In other matches, Indonesian 3rd seed Liza Andriani beat Korean qualifier Mi Lyoo, 7-5, 6-3; 4th seed Julianto Diana also of Indonesia beat Korean Eun Hee Sung, 6-1, 6-1; qualifier Yi Chen of Taipei beat Kim Ji Young of Korea, 6-3, 6-0, and the only Korean survivor So Jung-Kim beat Indonesian 8th seed Septi Mende, 6-3, 6-2.

23rd Pasig Tenpin Open attracts topnotch field

WITH the country's top stars entered, topnotch bowling action is assured in the 23rd Pasig Bowling Association Open Tenpin Championships starting tomorrow at the Green Valley Country Club in Pasig City.

World Cup champion CJ Suarez, international bowling legend Paeng Nepomuceno, and the likes of Lisa Clutario, Lisa del Rosario, Cecil Yap and Biboy Rivera are among those expected to vie for top honors in the Nov. 8-16 event.

"With the active participation of the Philippine Bowling Congress and all-out support by the PBA, this year's edition of this annual event will mark the celebration of RP bowling's success in 2003," said PBA president Dr. Elmer Punzalan.

Rebounding Eala

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

AFTER a debut that seemed doomed to get low marks, Noli Eala is showing signs he's going to get his rebound this early. Eala has just scored big points, courtesy of the PBA governors who gave him a robust support insofar as major policy shifts for the next season were concerned; they were all lumped into a 19-page *obra maestra* penned single-handedly by Eala himself.

Talk about luck. Or is it talent? Eala's so talented he can always hack it out, no matter the odds?

It will be remembered that Eala, serving his first term as PBA commissioner this year, got more than enough flak for his flawed format in the first conference wherein strong teams got punished and the weak teams rewarded. For one to escape from that boo-boo unscathed is like seeing Houdini resurface after untying himself from a rock tied to his neck while being 500 feet under the sea. Incredible.

This is not to mention Eala's misadventures in Congress regarding the unearthing of Fil-Shams and the brouhaha brought on by his haphazard labeling of some players as drug addicts. Appalling. And what about the league's financial row with IBC 13, if not the dysfunctional Letter of Credit with NBN 4, plus Eala's belligerent stand against Big Dome management over a trivial toothpaste ad? Sickening.

And what about that fighting stance he had put up against the PSC hierarchy regarding the PBA's delinquent rental payment at Philsports Arena? Childishly funny.

Only a magician in the caliber of David Copperfield can wiggle himself out of such mountain of a mess.

I particularly like the adoption of Eala's proposal to change the league format from three conferences to just two. Although that is not original as the PBA had adopted that in 1983 under then PBA chair Honeyboy Palanca, its revival is in answer to the call of the times. I had batted for the one-champion format for the entire season, NBA style. But, apparently, the need to attract more teams to make the PBA really national to include squads from the Visayas and Mindanao remains just that: utopia.

This is not to detract, however, from the handsome view that with the format lessened to just two conferences, the PBA can re-train its target to global battles like the Asian Games, World Championship and Olympics. The move is quite late in the day but again, as I keep saying, late is never late especially when the idea is good.

There is no doubt that, to this day, it is still everybody's dream to see the Filipino basketeer play again in the Olympic Games. It is a dream bordering on illusion. But a dream is a dream is a dream. And, if only for that, I raise a glass to Noli Eala.

He may have lost his sense of logic at times, but he is proving to all and sundry that he hasn't lost the itch to dream—no matter how impossible that dream is. Only sensitive humans are capable of having that trait. Reagan has said the future belongs to the brave. I say only the brave can dream dreams and, therefore, they have a right to own the future.

Noli Eala has just reiterated that to us.

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FASTBREAK. The following was e-mailed to me by Elizabeth Yap Wong of 3163 Tahsis Avenue, Coquitlam, BC, Canada:

"Thank you for your beautiful piece about my brother-in-law, Robert Cheng (11/04/02). He will be terribly missed by our family, in Manila and Canada. He has lots of friends here in Canada, and we too are in mourning. It helps to know that he has touched a lot of lives from all walks of life. As he has touched my life, ever since he started going out with my 3rd eldest sister, Naty. He has a great family in my sister, Naty, my nieces Pinky & Peachy & my nephew, Bigboy, and their families, especially the beautiful grandchildren he had left behind. Once again, thank you very much for a touching story about your friendship with my loving brother-in-law, Robert Cheng. God bless you.—Liza."

Boxing fever grips Kidapawan

By Salven L. Lagumbay
Contributor

KIDAPAWAN CITY—The 10,000-capacity provincial gym has been spruced up. Giant boxing billboards have been put up. Ramp models have been hired as round card girls.

Everything is in place as a boxing fever grips this capital for Sunday's grand San Miguel Corp.-backed boxing card top-billed by Prince Gabi's challenge to WBC International flyweight champion Randy Mangubat in a 12-round showdown.

"It's all systems go. We expect the most explosive fights this Sunday," said promoter Soc Piñol.

Meanwhile, Randy Mangubat is expected to arrive here today in time for tomorrow's weigh-in and rules briefing.

The bull-strong Mangubat will be accompanied by manager Yuki Murayama and trainer Rolando Espinosa.

In the main undercard, reigning Philippine junior lightweight boss Bobby Pacquiao goes into action against Fil-Am Arnick Arabala over 10 rounds.

Expected to steal the limelight Sunday is the battle between PBF minifly champ and local star Carlo Besares who will take on Cebuano Fabio Marfa over eight rounds.

ABS-CBN tie-up boosts PBL stock

By Roy Luarca

A DYNAMIC viewership and a more action-packed coverage are in the offing for the Philippine Basketball League starting with its Platinum Cup tomorrow at the Pasig Sports Center.

These plus factors were assured following the new partnership forged between the PBL and broadcast giant ABS-CBN through its Studio 23.

Under the agreement, Studio 23 will air PBL games live from 2-6 p.m. every Saturday; and from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. This package assures a minimum of 43 games for the duration of the Platinum Cup.

"This (Studio 23 airing), plus our continued presence on Solar Sports, which also brings the NBA to local shores, puts the PBL in prime position to expand in years to come," said PBL Commissioner Chino Trinidad.

TRINIDAD: PBL's chance to grow

Solar Sports will air games not shown on Studio 23, which comprises at least a third of games up to the semifinals. Both outfits will jointly air the Finals via live simulcast.

The program content, however, will be provided by the PBL's in-house unit which complements well with both Studio 23 and Solar Sports.

Trinidad noted that Studio 23's reputation in the sporting community soared following its dynamic coverage of both the UAAP (University Athletic Association of the Philippines) and the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), from where majority of PBL players came the last few seasons.

"This is an excellent opportunity for PBL to grow along with our target audience, most of whom are also fans of local college basketball's best players," added Trinidad.

PBL chair Dioceldo Sy, on the other hand, said the "solid and promotional clout of ABS-CBN should provide additional luster to competition and add considerable value to our franchises now."

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Karters ready for final races

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Novice Class—1. Ricardo Loi 311, 2. Rex Alvendia 295, 3. Archie Rubio 287, 4. Kendrick Sy 144, 5. Mark Rackly 124.

BUMGARNER: Way ahead

TOP karters gear up for the final showdown in the championship round of the 2003 Shell Karting Super Series slated today and tomorrow at the Carmona Circuit Philippines in Cavite.

After titles were won by lady karter Michelle Bumgarner of M&M Racing and JP Tuason of Tuason Racing-Addict Mobile, focus will shift on the battle among Ricardo Loi, Rex Alvendia and Archie Rubio for the Formula Rotax Novice crown.

Following his big win in the last leg, Loi grabbed top spot from Alvendia with 311 points in this series sanctioned by the governing Automobile Association of the Philippines and sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Bridgestone, Nokia, Denso and Eastway Racing.

Alvendia remains on target for the title with 295 points, while Rubio is not far behind at third with 287 points. Joining the fray are Demvel's Kendrick Sy and Matthew Edmunds.

Despite being assured of the plum in their respective divisions, both Bumgarner and Tuason hope to wrap up the series dramatically.

Tuason, on the other hand, is virtually assured of the Formula Rotax 125 Expert crown with 406 points as attention shifts to the tight battle for the runner-up plum among Mike Tuason of Tuason Racing-Addict Mobile (257 pts), Lee Bumgarner of M&M Racing (229 pts) and recently crowned Formula Toyota champion JP Carino of Intelco Racing (216 pts).

Legend Tee fund-raiser up tomorrow in Subic

ALL roads lead to Subic Bay tomorrow when the third Legend Tee golf tournament, a fund-raising tournament for Tabang Mindanaw to help indigenous people and war victims in Mindanao, is staged at Subic bay Golf and Country Club at the Subic Bay Freeport.

SBMA (Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority) chair Felicito Payumo, Presidential assistant for Northern Luzon Renato Diaz and Rep. Ruben Torres lead the guests invited to the event organized by Legend International Resorts Ltd. to support Tabang Mindanaw, a civic group devoted to assisting the recovery and welfare of the children-victims of the armed conflict in Mindanao.

Former Miss Universe and Tabang Mindanaw task force member Margie Moran heads the ceremonial tee-off at 9 a.m. She will also conduct a presentation of the beneficiary during the awarding ceremony at 6 p.m. at Legenda Hotel.

The event is sponsored by Cebu Pacific, Borneo Tours, Dynamic Sports Inc., Global Air 21, GTS Insurance, the Indonesian Embassy, Metroplex Berhad, Premier Wines & Spirits, Standard Insurance, Subic Bay Yacht Club, 99.5 RT and 103.5 K-Lite, Trading Gateways Inc., SBMA and Legenda Hotel, and supported by Universal Motors Corp. and Kalakbayan Travel.

Registration is still ongoing, according to LIRL, which operates the five-star Legenda Hotel, the Grand Seasons Hotel and Legenda Suites in Subic. Tournament fee is P3,900, inclusive of donation to Tabang Mindanaw, green fee, caddies, golf cart, insurance fees, a pair of mulligans, snacks, pre-tournament cocktails, awards dinner and raffle stub.

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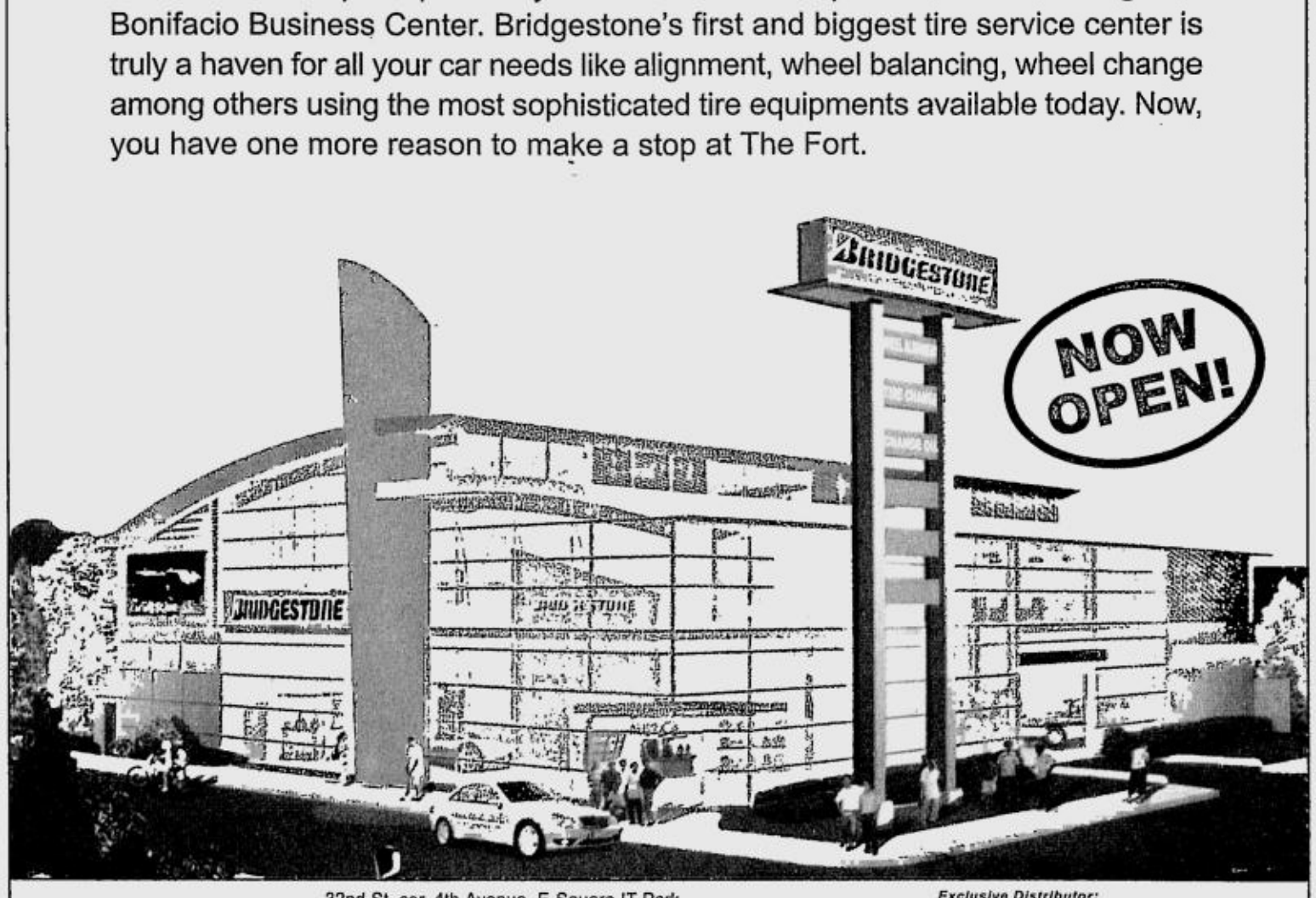

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SPORTSWATCH

PAT Cash (fourth from right) arrives for the Microsoft CEO Pro-Am event. Also shown are Randy Villanueva, former RP Davis Cupper Beeyong Sison and officials of the Cash-Hopper International Tennis Academy in Hope Island, Queensland.

Cash here for pro-am event

FORMER Wimbledon champion and Australia's tennis hero Pat Cash is here for the Microsoft CEO Pro-Am event which will be held on Saturday at the Manila Polo Club. The Microsoft Pro-Am event, which is being sponsored by Philippine Airlines, The Manila Peninsula, Smart Communications, PJ Lhuillier Incorporated, Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines, Union Bank of the Philippines and Dunlop-Slazenger, will be participated in by leading companies in the country. Cash, who plays in the Champions Tour led by John McEnroe, has established the Cash-Hopper International Tennis Academy in Hope Island, Queensland. He has joined forces with International Tennis School director Beeyong Sison at the Subic International Tennis Center in Subic Bay. which will serve as Cash's high-performance training base in Southeast Asia. Cash won the Wimbledon in 1987 and the 13th in a long line of Australia greats who have won the prestigious trophy. His finest achievements outside his Wimbledon title was when he led Australia to the 1986 Davis Cup finals victory over Sweden. He defeated Stefan Edberg, 13-11, 13-11, 6-4 and then came back from two sets down to beat Mikael Perfors, 2-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, on the final match. This feat was considered the greatest comeback in the history of the Davis Cup Finals. He retired from the Tour in 1998.

PTMI Senior Executive Tennis

THE PHILIPPINE Tennis Management Inc. is staging the first PTMI Senior Executive Tennis Championships Dec. 7-14 at the QCSC Indoor Shell Courts on E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City. PTMI president Ted Banas said 11 categories, including two ladies events, are on tap in the event to be held in cooperation with the QCSC and sponsored by adidas, Head Penn, Sulo Hotel and Racks. For details, call Dorothy at 911-4905 or 422-7249.

9-Balls of Fire billiards today

ROMMEL Billiards on Amoranto Avenue in Quezon City will be the venue of the 9-Balls of Fire billiards tournament starting at 5 p.m. today. Open to class O, A, B, C and lady players, the tournament sponsored by PCSO and Jet-Set Cigarets will run up to Saturday. Entry fee is P500 with prizes ranging from P5,000-P10,000 plus trophies. For details, call Rose at 712-3662 or 712-8931.

National dancesports under way

THE COUNTRY'S dance athletes strut their stuff today in the year-ending seventh National Dancesport Championships-Alaxan FR Cup of the Dance Sport Council of the Philippines at the Philsports Arena. Practice and warm-up sessions will be held this morning followed by the actual competitions at 3 p.m. DSCP president and founder Becky Garcia said that on Sunday, Nov. 9, starting at 2 p.m., the first ever Manila IDSF (International Dance Sport Federation) Open-Pagoda Cup will also be held. For ticket inquiries, call Ruby at 752-0435/36 .

Inter-collegiate badminton

THE COUNTRY'S leading players will spearhead their schools in the Philippine Badminton Tournaments (PBT) Inter-collegiate championships which will start tomorrow at the Valle Verde Country Club. Nationals Paula Obanana and Michelle Guerrero will represent DLSU, Ian Piencenaves will coach UP which will be headed by Jaime Junio, while FEU will be powered by Lloyd Escoses, Wilson Frias and Owen Lopez. UST and UE complete the participating schools in this event.

3 entries notch perfect scores

THREE entries out of 32 bets finished with perfect scores in last Wednesday's derby pitting the members of the Negros Gamefowl Breeders Association (NGBA) and the Gamefowl Breeders Association of Negros (GF-Ban) at the Negros Coliseum in Bacolod City. Undefeated were JVL-ITO-PALA of Joe Laureno & Petloi Mirasol, Pit Games of Jimmy Mariquit and Manny Berbano and Alfie ESJ of GF-BAN president Elwin Javelosa. They will lead Negros' bid supported by 15 qualifiers that include Mayor Juancho Aguirre, Rey Briones, Lance de la Torre, Otec Geroso and the Ampil brothers.

Blue Blade 5-stag set at LPC

BIG-TIME cockers collide in today's JBB Blue Blade 5-Stag Derby at the New Las Piñas Cockpit. The first of more than 60 fights starts at 6 p.m. Sonny Lagon of the United Cockers Association of the Philippines will host today's event. Among those seeing action are NCA and Ucap Stagfighter of the Year 2003 winners Butch Macasaet and former ambassador Danding Cojuangco, Patrick Antonio, Mayor Jessie Viceo, Gerry Ramos, Biboy Enriquez, Tony Lsala, Benjie Lim, Pol Estrellado, Gov. Ito Ynares, and Ucap president Raymond Velayo. Meanwhile, LPC will be the venue of a 5-cock derby on Dec. 13. For details, call 873-1040.

Derby slated in Pasay tonight

A 3-COCK derby will be held tonight at the Pasay City Cockpit. Sponsors are Sagupaan Hammer, Sagupaan Mite Free and Sagupaan B-50 Forten. At stake for the winners is a cash prize of P150,000, according to hosts Jun, Gerry and Cito Manansala. Interested parties may contact 843-1890, 843-1746 and 816-6750 for details.

Evans lifts Snipers past Grachiya

GAMES TOMORROW (New Cebu Coliseum)
5:30 p.m.—M. Lhuillier vs Shineway-Ozamiz
7:30 p.m.—Spring-San Pablo vs Grachiya-Adamson

ILOCOS Sur's Snipers banked on experience and big fighting hearts to hold off Grachiya-Adamson, 76-71, Wednesday and grab solo leadership in the 2003 Panasonic-NBL Regional Cup basketball tournament at the Adamson gym.

PBA veteran Kenny Evans exploded for 35 points, including 5-of-8from the 3-point arc and two crucial free throws in the final 1.6 seconds, to propel the Snipers to their second straight victory in the nine-team tournament.

"It came down to a crucial endgame," noted Snipers assistant coach Jeffrey Flowers. "But experience pulled us through."

The Snipers led by 21 (36-25) midway in the second quarter and held away, 64-49, in the first three minutes of the final period. But Grachiya-Adamson rallied behind Mark Abadia's eight points to trim the gap to 67-71 with 1:54 left.

Scores:

ILOCOS SUR 76—Evans 35, Ferreria 14, Machica 12, Agapito 5, Reyes 4, Barbosa 4, Yulo 2, Quitoriano 0, Butel 0, Sillona 0, Cabradilla 0, Tadeo 0, De la Rosa 0.

GRACHIYA-ADAMSON 71—Abadia 15, Tagupa 14, Cabahug 14, Tiongco 7, Tajonera 5, Bono 5, Alonzo 3, Kong 3, Gandarosa 2, Poloyapoy 2, Hate 0, Hugnatan 0.

Quarters: 24-12, 45-32, 58-45, 76-71

Quirimit, other Tour aces in 1st MM race

TOUR Pilipinas 2003 champion Arnel Quirimit heads an 84-man field vying for P165,000 in prizes in this Sunday's first-ever Tour of Metro Manila, a 114-km massed start race that begins and ends at the Marikina City Sports Park.

Top prize in the event principally bankrolled by Air21 with FedEx and Mail and More as major supporters and backed by insurer BPI-MS, Caltex and Lipovitan is P25,000.

The runner-up gets P20,000, the third placer P15,000, fourth P12,000 and fifth P10,000 in the race that will feature members of the same 12 teams that vied in last summer's Tour revival—Quirimit's Tanduay, Intel, Samsung, PagcorSports, Bowling Gold, PLDT-NDD, Gilbey's Island Punch, DILG Patrol 117, DILG Drug Busters, DENR Ecosavers, DOTC Postmen and BIR Vat Riders.

The Tour Pilipinas Inc. has scheduled the 2004 Tour qualifying in Batangas on Nov. 15-16 with 300 cyclists, led by Victor Espiritu, seeing action. This will be followed by the Tour of Puerto Princesa to be hosted by Mayor Edward Hagedorn on Nov. 29-30.

Marikina Mayor Ma. Lourdes Fernando will fire the starting gun at 9 a.m. in the Metro Manila Tour. She will be joined by Air21 chair Bert Lina, also the Tour Pilipinas chair and president of the Integrated Cycling Federation of the Philippines, and Tour organizer and Air21 president Lito Alvarez.

The out-and-back course will take the riders to UP Balara, Fairview, Novaliches, Balintawak, Monumento, Rizal Avenue, Abad Santos, Binondo, Jones Bridge, Aduana, Roxas Boulevard, Gil Puyat, Macapagal Avenue, Naia Road, Sucat and Alabang then to Bicutan, C-5 Road, Rosario, Antipolo and Sumulong on the way back to the Marikina park finish.

QUIRIMIT: Top favorite to rule the 114-km race. VAL HANDUMON

You've got the moves? Troop to Rockwell for Nike Face Off

HUNDREDS of freestyle enthusiasts from Metro Manila gather at the Rockwell tent in Makati at 4 p.m. today as the Nike Freestyle Face Off Manila finals unwraps with exciting side events and freestyle competition to highlight creativity in sports.

The event, an innovative diversion to the game of basketball and football, will be a combination of fun and serious competition as participants get a chance to show off basic skills in the jamming exhibition and also vie in the Face Off.

The complicated moves include Nutmegalomania, Diggin' 360-degree Beef and Tearjerker Armroll moves.

There will be various side events and freestyle exhibitions, while three popular DJs—DJ Steve Nills, DJ Mars and DJ Adrian—will provide the music to perk up energies during the Face Off rounds.

Greg Martin, Miguel Vasquez, Vito Lazatin and Tricia Chiongbian will emcee the event.

The champions will each win a trophy, P30,000 worth of Nike products and an all-expense paid trip to Singapore where they will compete in the Southeast Asian Regional Final Face Off to be held on Nov. 15 at the Lion City's Youth Park on Somerset Road.

"This is the culmination of the freestyle mania that has spread the past weeks. This is a day of self-expression and creativity," says Rely San Agustin, marketing communications executive of Nike Philippines. "Whether you want to participate in the competition or simply just want to jam, I encourage everyone to be part of the Nike Freestyle Face Off and experience a different kind of fun and excitement."

Nike goodies also await the participants, jammers and lucky members of the gallery. The Nike Freestyle Face Off is presented by Nike and covered by MTV Asia and Solar Sports. Water will be provided by Viva.

BEING one-handed is no handicap for this freestyle enthusiast as he shows his dribbling prowess in the Nike Freestyle Face Off.

Igan Cup starts today at Eastridge

A CAST of celebrities and government officials are expected at the first tee when the second Igan Cup Invitational Golf Tournament unfolds today at the Eastridge Golf and Country Club in Binangonan, Rizal.

Like last year's successful first staging at the Aguinaldo Golf Club course, the tournament will raise funds for Igan Foundation's project to help uplift the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Organizing committee chair Gary Vazquez said a two-bedroom Vazbuilt house and a Toyota car will go to the player who shoots a hole-in-one on the par-3 holes Nos. 12 and 8.

Early tournament sponsors include Universal Robina Corp., San Miguel Corp., Unilever Phils. Inc., Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig Fund), Pagcor, GMA Network Inc., United Auctioneers Inc. and Vazquez Building Systems Corp. (Vazbuilt Homes).

Shotgun tee-off starts at 7 a.m.

Magic of Moab: All that spells adventure

SOME people do things they never imagine doing.

Take the case of six Filipinos who had the thrill and adventure of their lives in the 2003 Marlboro Adventure Team (MAT) in Moab, Utah.

One female member of the RP team says it was like being in the National Geographic (NG).

"But unlike in the NG, we're the ones who acted each of the scenes and there were plenty you can't believe you were able to do. I looked so tough out there."

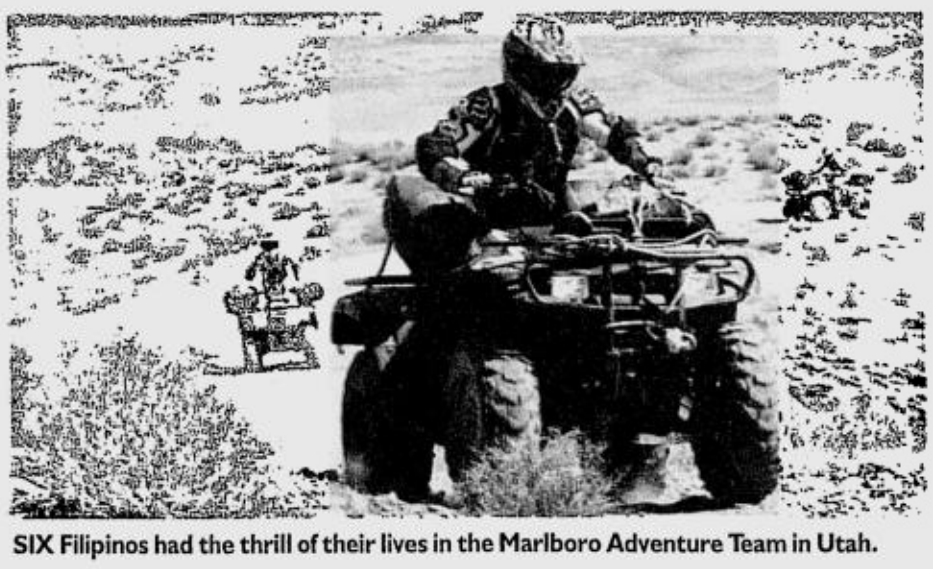
That's Candice Madamba, a copywriter in an advertising firm and the first Filipina to be in the MAT, speaking.

For Madamba and company, it was something that makes you conquer your fears and get you close to your dreams.

"Now, I perhaps could do anything," swears Madamba. "It was also the closest thing to the Olympics."

Edison Cervantes, a soft-spoken teacher from Meycauyan High, concurs: "I just can't get over the experience. Until now, I always look at the pictures and sometimes, I unconsciously stare blankly into space until I recover my sanity."

Madamba and Cervantes, along with fellow 2003 MAT Philippines members Joeffrey Caranto, Charles Anthony Unchuan and Jose Martin Cruz Jr. and Philip Morris Phils. trade marketing manager Almond Javier, got to experience Moab for 10 days in September.



SIX Filipinos had the thrill of their lives in the Marlboro Adventure Team in Utah.

Each had his own story to tell, but all were one in saying that Moab made their lives.

The Filipinos mixed it up with 45 other MAT team members from nine other countries, including Russians, Czechs, Swiss, Costa Ricans, Nicaraguans and Indonesians. They were spread into five teams called Coyotes, Rattlesnakes, Eagles, Scorpions and Lizards and for 10 full days shared the experience of their lifetime riding 4 x 4s, ATVs, sea kayaks and white water canoes on Canyon River; and trekked, dirt-biked and rode horseback.

They, too, climbed rocks and rappelled amid a picture-perfect scene from the world-famous Arch of Moab.

Bathing was often ignored, not because of the extreme weather but because of the overwhelming excitement.

Madamba cheerfully narrates an experience with the ATVs when they had to be flown in by choppers to base camp because they got lost after taking a wrong turn.

But at the bottomline of everything out of the Moab experience is the bonding and the discipline.

"They will teach you discipline. You will learn to wash your own clothes, dishes and stress the importance of teamwork aside from meeting new friends from different countries," says Cervantes.

Explains Javier: "It's about bonding, it's about teamwork, it's about adventure and it's about fun."

MAT Philippines 2003 was culled from over 100,000 applicants. The members were thoroughly sifted that, in the end, only 25 got to go to the nationals in Batangas. It was wet and wild and full of tension in those nationals two months ago.

And Moab? "All that spells adventure is there," says Cervantes.

"The saddest part was the last night when the entire delegation got together for the last time. The organizers documented everything and showed videos during the farewell party," says Madamba. "And I felt like I didn't want to leave."

When the videos started rolling, Cervantes admits, tears almost welled from his eyes. "It was so difficult to say goodbye."

Yes, anytime, they would do the Moab again.

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Race 9--1. Island King 2. Roulette Queen 3. Blue Bolero 4. Festive Charm 5. Precious Time/Miwa's Treasure 6. Spirited Lady

Fans rush to Nora's defense

OUR recent piece on **Nora Aunor**'s current comeback prospects ("Last chance for Nora?") elicited numerous reactions from readers. In general, they bemoaned the movie industry's "lack of gratitude," pointing out that the superstar's thespic achievements did a lot to shine up the image of local movies, both here and abroad. What short memories we have, Nora's boosters sighed.

On the other hand, some readers said everything was Nora's fault, because she "didn't value all the breaks and blessings that came her way." She became unprofessional in her work ethic, some of her movies bombed at the tills, so it's no wonder that producers started shying away from her.

We think the truth lies somewhere between these two radically opposite views. But we trust that, true to her "survivor" nature, Nora will still be able to bounce back for the nth time. And, now that she's 50, she's mature enough to hold on to her success and not take it for granted. Hope springs!

A particularly perceptive reaction is the one e-mailed by **Julie Paran**: "The state of TV and the movies here is sad. Even the Chinovela has entered the TV tube, *imbes na Pinoy*. As for Nora, she is a genuine artist, *hindi lang artista. Para bang si* Van Gogh *na may topak*, but what works he produced!

"Likewise with Nora, and it's sad how she is being put down, especially when she went against **Erap**. But I remember her film "The Flor Contemplacion Story"—it made money, so she's no has-been!

"An artist like Nora shouldn't be put down—it's like throwing a work of art into the trash bin. As a nation, we have little sense of culture and artistry, only of money and capitalism.

"It's good to see **Vilma Santos** reinventing herself, as she wants to eventually become First Lady. Nora also needs to reinvent her personality—but not her talent. Because she symbolizes our cinema, in a sense, she belongs among the ranks of **Brocka** and **Bernal**.

"I once saw Nora act in a play, and she was really good. I want to see her giving us more memorable performances in films, but her negative image precedes her. She is judged based on that, not what she can produce in terms of our cultural development. It's so unfair.

"At UP, I did my thesis on **Mars Ravelo**. When I was able to interview him, he said, '*Salamat naman, may nakakaalala pa*.' I felt sad for artists like him, who make an immense contribution to *Pinoy* culture, but are forgotten when their productions no longer make money.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

"I pray that Nora's wounded soul will finally heal!

Introducing Francine

SEIKO Films has signed up new sexy actress **Francine Prieto** to an eight-picture contract, the first of which, "Liberated," is currently showing.

In the film, Francine plays a young woman who wants to be a virgin on her wedding night, so she agrees to be romanced by her boyfriend—but only up to a point.

Francine looks really good in the movie's trailer, so viewers are eager to see her launching film. Her strongest suits are her height (5-foot-10) and her combination of sexiness and "class," a mix that's difficult to find in these parts, you'll agree.

Francine's co-stars in **Mac Alejandre**'s movie are **Diana Zubiri, Christian Vasquez** and **Rodel Velayo**. Together, they make up the best-looking foursome that Seiko Films has fielded in one film to date.

Francine has been generating so much interest that she's already been cast in her second starrer, "Bridal Shower," which is Seiko's prospective bet in the Metro filmfest next month.

Jeffrey Jeturian directs that movie, the other stars of which are **Dina Bonnevie** and **Cherry Pie Picache**.

Feedback

FROM **Paul Mortel** of Marikina City: "I prefer the old 'Game Ka Na Ba' over the new version, because the former was exciting and fast-paced, while the latter tends to drag.

"On another subject: Do you know that the tag line of ABS-CBN's News and Public Affairs department, 'Kahit Saan, Kahit Kailan, Maaasahan,' is the same as the tag line being used in GSIS' radio commercial?

Tribute

ONGOING until Nov. 23 is the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the Cultural Center of the Philippines' tribute to National Artists for Literature.

The exhibition at the NCCA Gallery (633 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros) showcases highlights of the lives and works of literary icons **Almario, Hernandez, Villa, Joaquin, Romulo, Roces, Arcellana, Gonzalez, Quirino, Tiempo** and **Jose**. Call 527-2209.

DID YOU KNOW...

They may not be often seen in public together, unlike other show biz sweethearts, but **Aubrey Miles** and **Troy Montero** are no longer hiding their relationship. When Aubrey went to the shop of designer **Frederick Peralta** in Malate to fit the gown she would wear to the ABS-CBN anniversary extravaganza, Troy accompanied her.

Meet and greet, wine and dine with Maksim through myGlobes's Music Central!

ARE YOU one of the legions who are blown away by Maksim's virtuoso piano performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's classic 'Flight of the Bumblebee'? Brace yourselves because myGlobe is giving five lucky Globe Handyphone subscribers and their companions a chance to watch the fast-rising, fast-playing pianist's live performance up close, and even have dinner with him after the show!

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A selection of tracks from Maksim's debut album, "The Piano Player," which includes the current hit, "Flight of the Bumblebee", is exclusively available from myGlobe's Music Central.

Five lucky Globe Handyphone subscribers will be drawn via electronic raffle and will be notified via a phone call by Globe. These five and their companions will have the opportunity to meet Maksim in a special dinner after his concert, where he will give the Philippine audience a sampling of his musical style on November 8, Saturday at 7:30pm, at the Greenbelt 3 Park.

Maksim, a classically-trained pianist, has been making waves with his unusual fusion of octanol-driven electronic beats and breathtaking classical piano pieces. At the same time his debut album has been burning rubber on the world's hit lists, earning him multiple awards and platinum and gold discs.

Download ringtones and other exciting services from myGlobe's Music Central now, and get the once-in-a-lifetime chance to get up close and personal with Maksim!

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Young music makers, Church go 'Band-ing'

MONSIGNOR Vic Bauson of the Campus Ministry feels that music and media are potent forces in the lives of today's youth, who are forever looking for venues to express their ideas.

"Hopefully, we can give the youth alternative channels through which they can define themselves," says the monsignor.

"Music is very effective in helping define the identity of young people, especially for us Filipinos," he adds.

"We are so musically talented, so artistically inclined."

That is the vision behind the "Band-ing sa Riverbanks," a song festival that stresses the message of hope and peace.

Inspired by the famous San Remo Music Festival in Italy, "Band-ing sa Riverbanks" is envisioned as "a marathon concert of inspirational faith music for peace."

It is mounted by the Campus Ministry of the Ministry for Youth Affairs of the Archdiocese of Manila, in partnership with the Jesuit Music Ministry.

"By giving them the freedom to express themselves through music," says Bauson, "we will hopefully make young people realize that we are more than just material beings, that we are more than just a consumerist and acquisitive people, that there is an alternative to this culture of sex, drugs and violence often glorified in the media."

Since last March, the organizers of "Band-ing sa Riverbanks" have been receiving compositions from different schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Manila.

The entries have been narrowed down to the best 12, which will be showcased in a concert, also called "Band-ing sa Riverbanks," at the Marikina Riverbanks tomorrow.

"Originality, musicality and, if there are lyrics, the message," says the monsignor, enumerating the criteria for judging.

"Although we want to focus on inspirational faith music, we encourage young people, ages 16 to 35, to try and experiment with different music styles and genres. Be it pop, rock, rap, hip hop, techno or acoustic, we welcome it for as long as it has an inspiring message and uplifting melody.

"We are hoping we will be able to mount this concert every year," he adds.

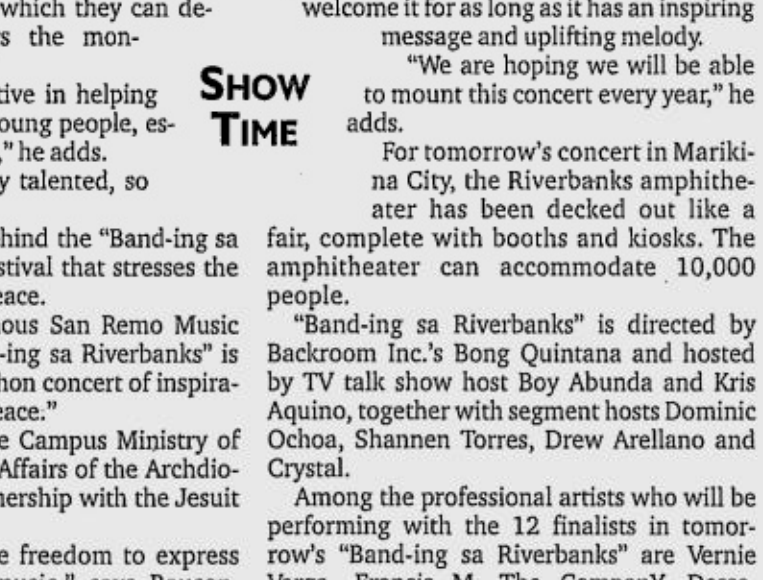
SHOW TIME

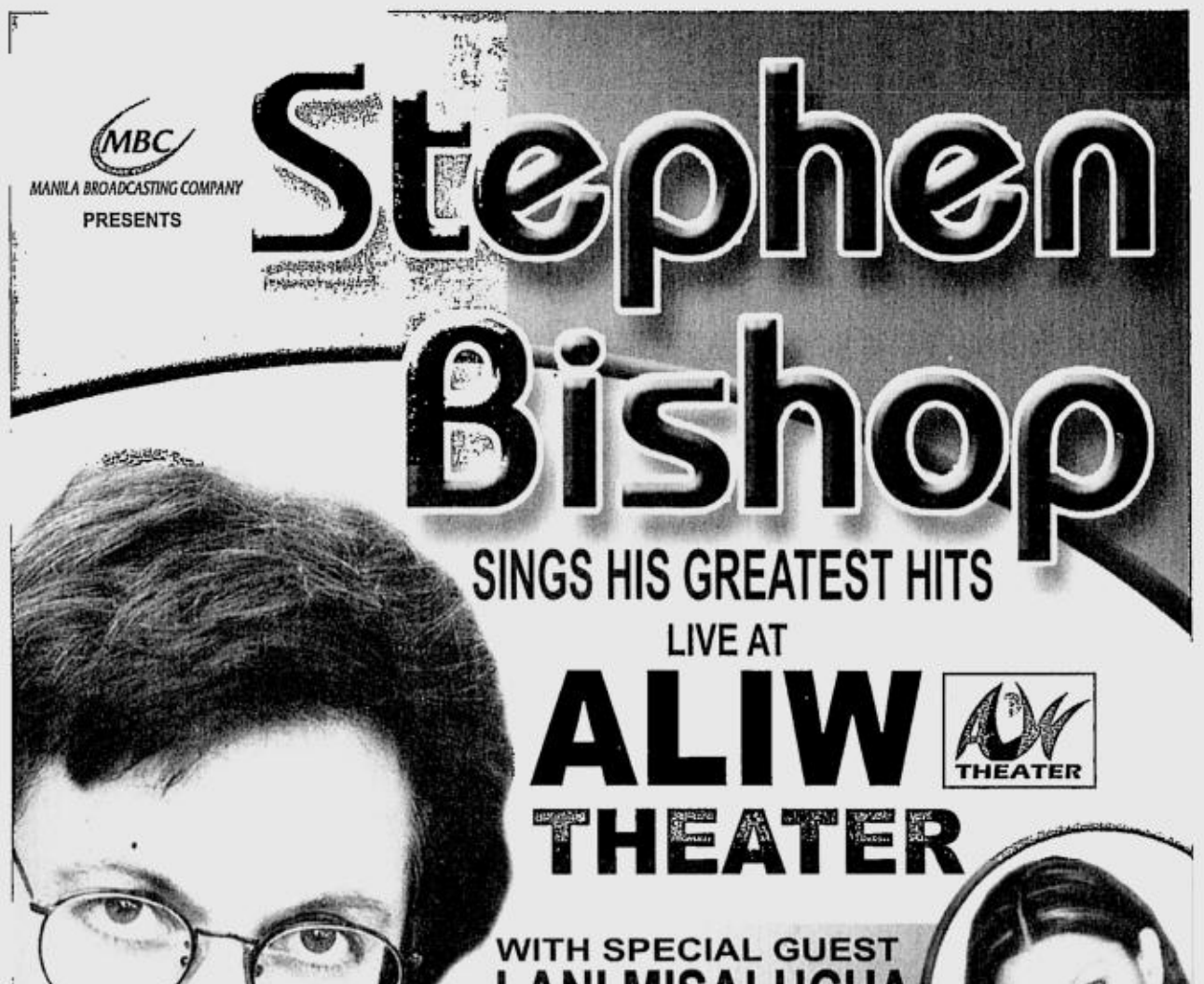
For tomorrow's concert in Marikina City, the Riverbanks amphitheater has been decked out like a fair, complete with booths and kiosks. The amphitheater can accommodate 10,000 people.

"Band-ing sa Riverbanks" is directed by Backroom Inc.'s Bong Quintana and hosted by TV talk show host Boy Abunda and Kris Aquino, together with segment hosts Dominic Ochoa, Shannen Torres, Drew Arellano and Crystal.

Among the professional artists who will be performing with the 12 finalists in tomorrow's "Band-ing sa Riverbanks" are Vernie Varga, Francis M, The CompanY, Dessa, Gladys and the Boxers With K, and Ariel Rivera, among others.

The concert will be recorded as a live CD album.





Nyoy 'Re-Loaded' with Regine, Nina

ONE good turn deserves another. So, Nyoy Volante and Mannos have invited another powerful pair of guests—Regine Velasquez and Nina—to perform with them in the repeat of their concert, now called "Re-Loaded," at the Music Museum on Nov. 11.

Nina and Nyoy will do a duet of the Kenny Loggins-Melissa Manchester hit "Whenever I Call You Friend," while Regine will sing Nyoy's hit, "You're My You." Nyoy himself and Regine will do "Separate Lives" together.

The audience will again hear Nyoy and Mannos sing songs like "Smooth," "All in Love is Fair," "Bailamos," "We Will Rock You," "Sino Ang Baliw" and other songs not normally part of their live show repertoire.

Returning for the second show are ballet dancer Maria Katrina Sulit, flutist and former gifted child Shaira Luna, and pianist Martin Avila. Nyoy and Mannos will also be joined by the choir called Kilyawan.

"Re-Loaded" is sponsored by Nestlé KitKat, Eventures, PLDT My Music in cooperation with Pfizer Sinutab and Levi's.

For tickets and reservations, call the Music Museum Ticketron (721-6726), Ticketron outlets (891-5610) and 7003 Dynamix (533-8153, 718-0945 or 0917-9340526).

Show Time

Samba show at Enchanted Kingdom

BRASIL Tropical Carnival, Brazil's spectacular samba show that has mesmerized audiences in Europe and Asia, goes to Enchanted Kingdom tomorrow, Saturday.

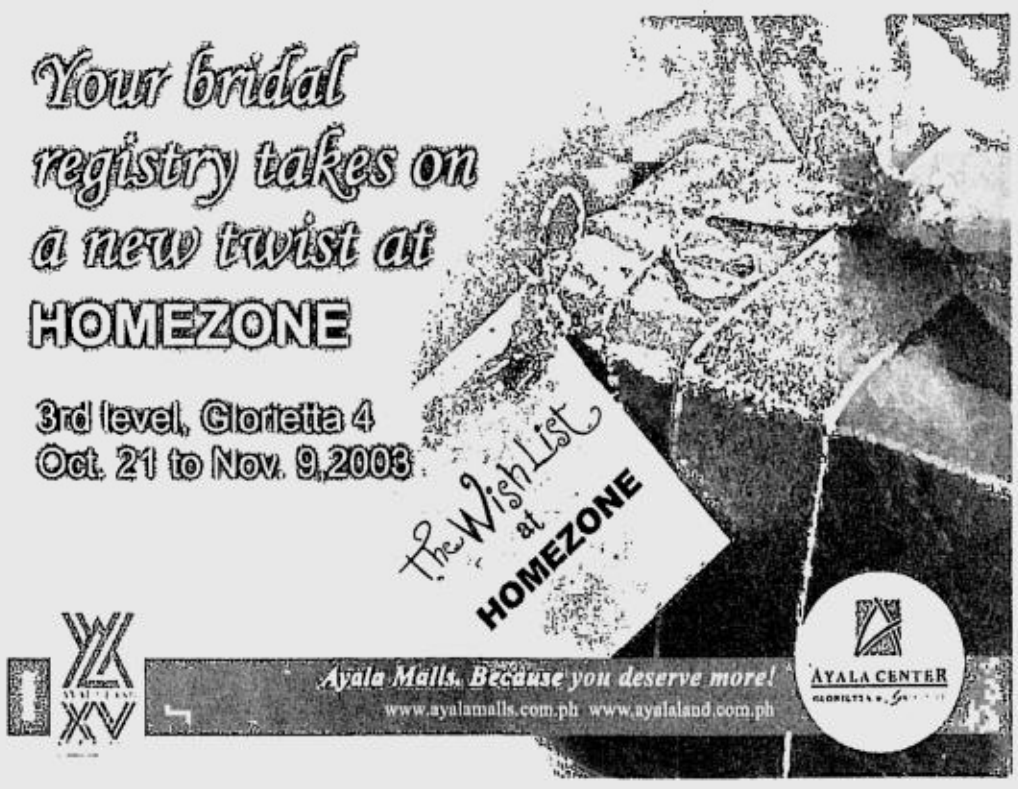
There will be two performances at the park's Bandstand, at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

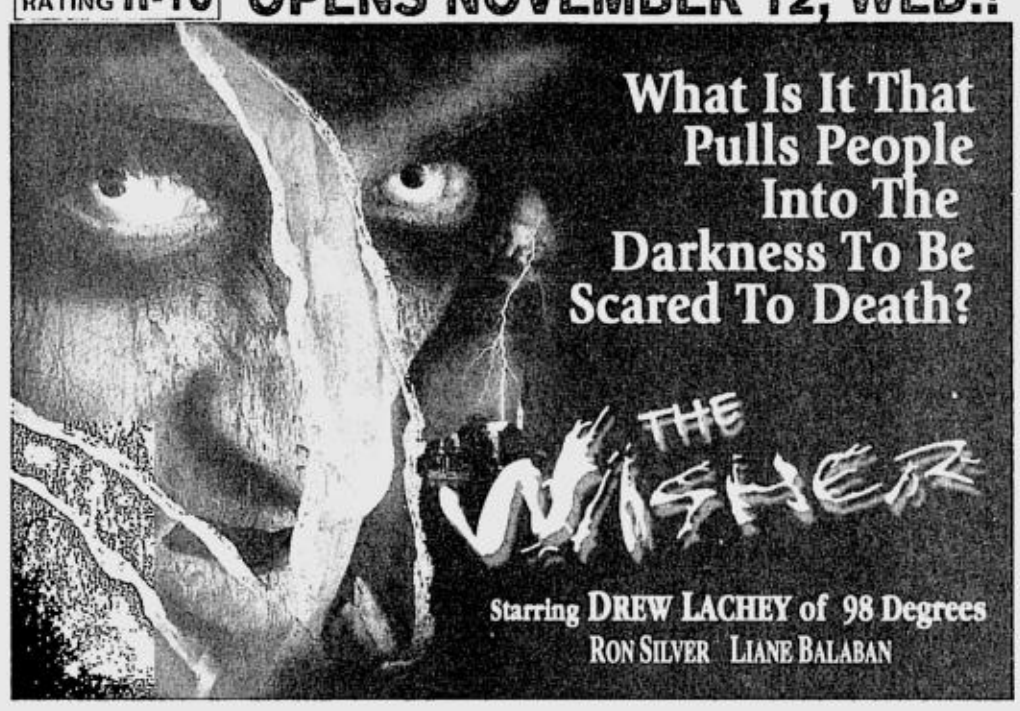
Brasil Tropical was first formed in Salvador, the capital of the eastern Brazilian state of Bahia. The samba show, currently on an Asian tour, features the very heart of Brazilian art, colorful and brilliant, and brings together elements from South America, Africa and Europe.

The Enchanted Kingdom show will also be an educational yet entertaining and colorful journey to Brazil's culture through rhythm and dance.

Enchanted Kingdom is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Shuttle service is available at the Ayala Center terminal at P100 per passenger (one way).

For details, call 830-2111 to 16 or 843-6073 to 78, or visit www.enchantedkingdom.com.ph.





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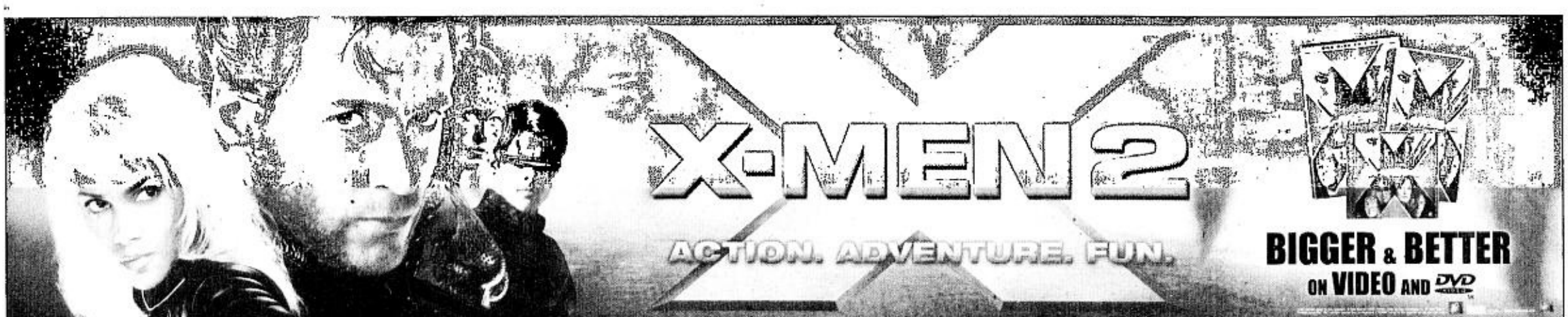

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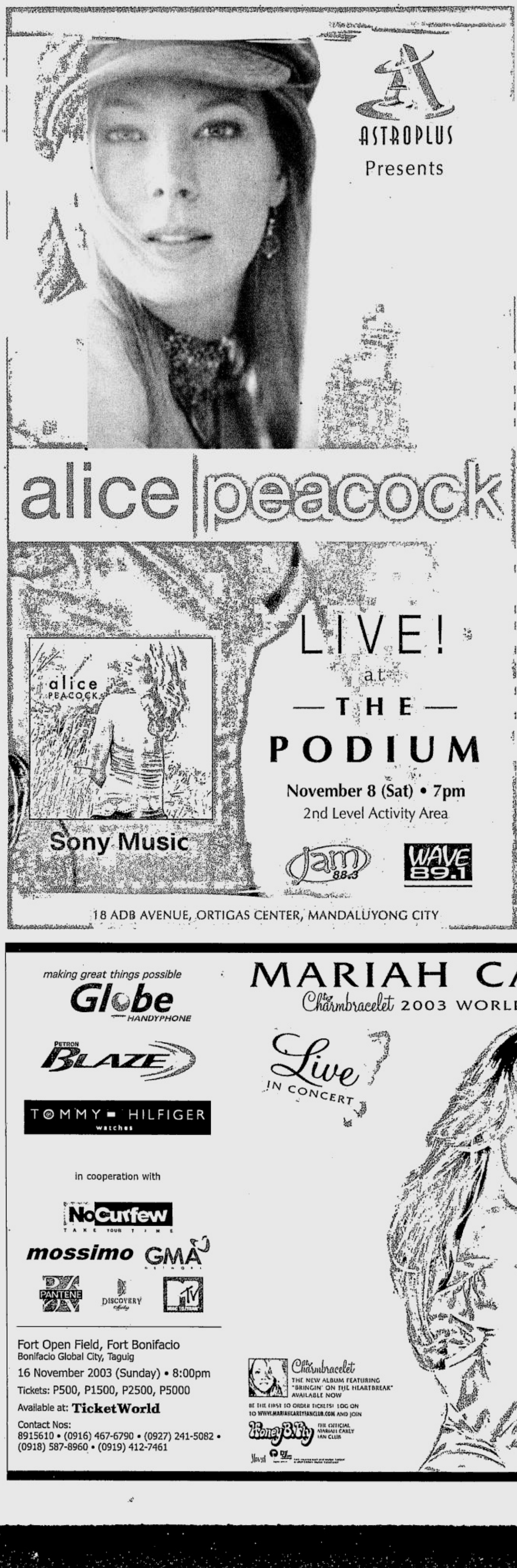

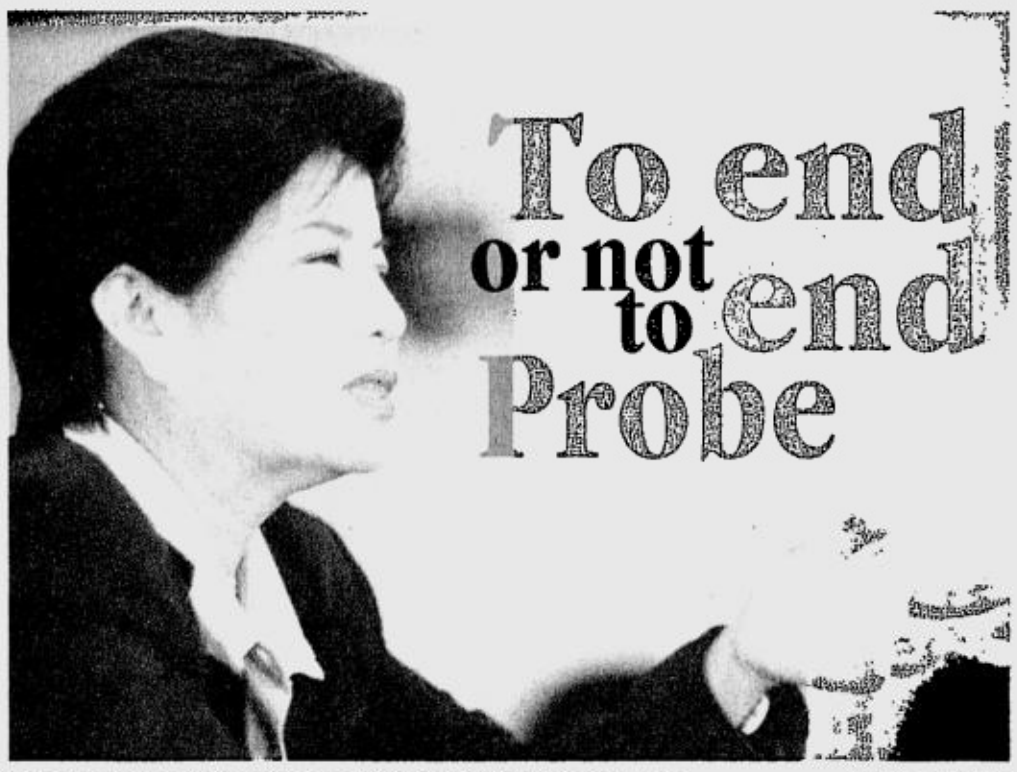

To end or not to end Probe

"I realize how our cries of 'censorship' hurt GMA 7," says Lazaro . JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

By Marinel R. Cruz

PROBE Productions president Cheche Lazaro said the cancelation of "The Probe Team" on GMA 7 has prompted her to consider ending the show after 16 years or bringing it to another station.

"Although there have been feelers received, I have not met with anyone to negotiate any agreement," said Lazaro in a statement sent to Inquirer Entertainment.

Last September, GMA 7 had delayed by one week the airing of "The Probe Team" report on a lifestyle check on Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) chair Efraim Genuino. The network cited lack of supporting documents as the reason for the delay.

"The Probe Team" will air its final episode on GMA 7 Nov. 25, although the network will continue to air the show when GMA 7 launches its international channel in the coming months.

Lazaro said GMA 7 is terminating the airing of "Probe" even though its contract with the network runs to the end of January 2004.

Lazaro was earlier reported to be moving to rival network ABS-CBN after the expiration of the "Probe" contract with GMA 7.

In a letter addressed to GMA 7 president Felipe Gozon, Lazaro requested GMA 7 to waive its international airing rights to any "Probe" episodes.

"If GMA 7 does not want to be associated with The Probe Team anymore. . . it would follow that GMA 7 no longer wants to use its international airing rights," she said.

Part of the price

But Gozon said the network has paid for the "Probe" episodes that have been aired and would still be aired.

"The international airing rights to these episodes were part of the price GMA 7 agreed to pay for each episode," Gozon explained.

Lazaro insisted that the Pagcor episode could stand and that "the final version aired on Sept. 23 did not need to turn to additional documents."

She said "Probe" had the documents GMA 7 wanted from the very start. "If you compare the documentation of the original episode with the version allowed to air the following week, the documentation remains the same," she wrote Gozon.

The 15-minute Pagcor episode was shown to a full house last Sept. 19 at the University of the Philippines' College of Mass Communication auditorium. The report took off from President Macapagal-Arroyo's order last year for a lifestyle check on public officials, then focused on Genuino who was under fire for alleged financial mismanagement.

"We had nothing to do with the invitation (to air the original episode in UP)," said Lazaro. "We eventually agreed to air it because we felt we had to have on record what the original episode contained."

She said that "many hours" before network executives informed her, Genuino already knew that GMA 7 would ax the multi-awarded tele-magazine show and suspend its reporter, Bernadette Sembrano, who had researched and presented the Pagcor episode.

Guilty of pride

"In the early evening of the day when the episode was originally supposed to air, we were told by people inside Pagcor that Dodie King (Pagcor head for advertising and public relations) had already announced to his staff not to record the TPT ('Probe') episode that night because the episode on his boss would not be aired," Lazaro said.

She said this was hours before the Probe staff was informed of the decision of the station to air instead a replay of a mountain-climbing feature first shown two years ago.

"Similarly, Chair Genuino had announced to his staff that TPT would be canceled and Bernadette removed many hours before GMA 7 had told me of that decision at my residence," Lazaro said.

In a press statement, Gozon said the network did not give in to pressure from Genuino. "GMA 7 only acted out of fairness and responsibility as a news organization when it carried out its decision," Gozon said, adding he never spoke with or received any request from Genuino.

Lazaro admitted that she and her staff were "guilty" of bringing the issue "outside the confines of the station."

"I realize how our cries of 'censorship' hurt GMA 7 and you," Lazaro told Gozon in her letter. "Christian teaching identifies the greatest sin as that of pride. And of this I and my staff in TPT are guilty."

She said Probe Productions is ending "The Probe Team" on GMA 7 with the "knowledge that we served the public good without sacrificing our integrity for 16 years."

Free seminar on singing

THE PHILIPPINE Music Training School is offering free five-day seminars on singing from Nov. 10 to 15, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 117-A S. Macaya St., Barangay Pasong Tamo in Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

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Interested parties may look for executive director Ana Pacheco at the above address, or call 454-0078.

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Oct. dollar reserves up 4.5% to $16.89B

By Clarissa S. Batino

HONG KONG—The Philippines' dollar reserves soared to its highest level this year at $16.887 billion in end-October, due mainly to recent foreign borrowings of the government, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura said here during the 7th Annual CEO Forum.

The end-October Gross International Reserves (GIR) level was up 4.5 percent or $725 million from $16.162 billion a month ago.

Sovereign borrowings during the period amounted to $1.55 billion, consisting of the proceeds from a $1.05-billion global bond issue and a central bank loan worth $500 million.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura said this during the sidelines of the 7th Annual CEO Forum here where the governor was one of the keynote speakers.

Buenaventura is guest speaker in the BusinessWeek-sponsored event. He is also the only Filipino this year to receive an award as one of the 25 Stars of Asia during the same event. He is being recognized for being one of the world's top central bankers for the second year in a row.

"If the government decides to raise the remaining $1 billion in pre-funding requirement for 2004, then our GIR and even our BOP (balance of payment) would be in a much better shape," the central bank chief told reporters.

An additional $1 billion inflow by the end of the year would keep the GIR at $16 billion and bring down the external payments deficit below $1 billion.

The BSP chief has been encouraging the government to complete its $1.8-billion offshore funding requirement for next year given expectations that the cost of sovereign borrowings will rise sharply as the May presidential polls draw closer.

"If they can borrow by the end of the year, then we remove one uncertainty in the market," said Buenaventura. Of the $1.05 billion in long-term global bonds the national government sold last month, $800 million will be used for next year.

The BSP chief confirmed reports that the government was planning to issue $300-million worth of bonds and the proceeds of which would also be used for pre-funding next year's funding requirements.

Buenaventura said he was not encouraging the government to borrow foreign funds unnecessarily but only to repay maturing dollar obligations. He said foreign debt servicing might put a strain on the dollar reserves and on the peso.

The country's GIR is important to the financial markets as a declining reserves level implies the weakness of the central bank to defend the local currency against speculation.

The external payments level is also closely watched by investors as an increasing BOP deficit means that the outflow of dollars is greater than the inflow . In 2002, the BOP posted a surplus of $616 million.

A healthy level of foreign exchange also assures the country's creditors and trading partners that it can pay its debts and imports.

At $16.887 billion in reserves, the country will have enough dollars to pay close to five months of importation of goods and services.

The Philippines has one of the lowest level of external reserves in Asia considering that Thailand has

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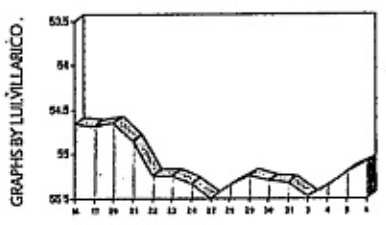

STOCK MARKET

Stocks end lower

SHARES closed a shade lower yesterday as the market took a breather after a sharp 5.5-percent rise in six days, but traders said better profits in most blue-chip firms should drive the market higher in the near term.

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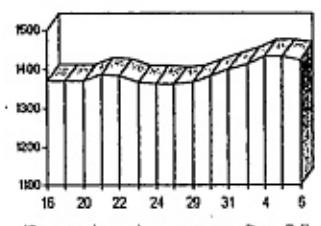

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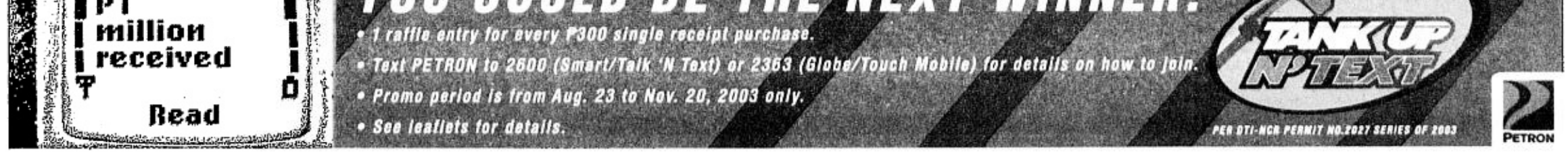

Lies, damned lies and JDF statistics

TATAGALUGIN ko muna ang kolum ngayon, dahil ayaw ko pong malaman ng mga banyagang mambabasa ang kabuktutan at ka-ulolan ng ilan sa ating mga senador, kongresista at mga reklamador na clerk of courts na abogado pa mandin.

Pilit na iginigiit ng mga ka-kosa ni Erap, Marcos at Danding—pati ba naman ikaw Rene Saguisag at Nene Pimentel?—na nililinlang daw ng Chief Justice ang mga empleyado ng korte dahil daw sa lumiliit ang kanilang JDF allowance.

Simple lang naman ang dahilan ng pagliit ng allowance—dumarami ang mga empleyado na nagpaparti-parti sa pondo.

Noong 1999, 22,664 lamang ang mga kawani ng mga hukuman. Sa taong 2002, lumobo na ito sa 26,371. Isinama pa ang 470 casuals. Natural na lumiit nga ang partihan. Kinakailangan pa ba nating papuntahin ang Chief Justice sa Kongreso para malaman ito?

Gayun pa man, magkano ba ang tinanggap na JDF allowance ng mga empleyado noong 1999, bago umupo si Davide? Yung sumuweldo ng hindi hihigit sa P7,000 sa isang buwan, P16,000 allowance ang natanggap sa buong taon 1999. Noong 2002, ang kanilang allowance ay naging P40,250. Kailangan pa bang tanungin ang Chief Justice kung alin sa P16,000 at sa P40,250 ang higit na mataas?

Wala raw tiwala ang pangkat Erap-Marcos-Danding sa COA audit dahil "in-house audit" ito. Ang hindi nila sinasabi sa taong-bayan, kaya lang naman nabunyag ang mga numerong ito ay dahil si Davide pa lamang ang unang Chief Justice na nagpa-audit ng JDF na bukod pa sa audit ng regular budget simula ng maitatag ang JDF noong 1984.

Tinitirya nila si Chief Justice dahil bumili daw ito ng bagong Toyota Camry. Eh, yung pinalitan niya, Toyota Crown ang binili at nilaspag. Tapos nung lumipat sa PNB, BMW pa ang gamit. Kaya ba kayo tahimik noon at ngayon dahil ang dating Chief Justice ay abogado at kasangga ni Erap?

Ang sabi sa akin ng isang kongresista na pumirma sa impeachment complaint, binastos daw ni Davide ang Kongreso sa pag-isnab at hindi pagsang-ayon na kutkutin ng mga kongresista ang JDF.

"No one is above the law," sumbat nila. Ang hindi pagpapaunlak sa Kongreso, impeachable offense na? Aba'y bukod sa pagiging KSP makikitid pala talaga ang mga utak ninyo!

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

Hidden Gem

THE Cabinet secretary during the Aquino years, Jose de Jesus, called up his colleague, now COA Chair Guillermo "Gem" Carague, to persuade him to come out and clarify the misinterpretations now being foisted on the Commission on Audit findings on the Judiciary Development Fund.

According to the grapevine, Carague, Aquino's budget secretary, politely declined, saying, "If the Ten Commandments, already written by God in so simple terms, are being interpreted in countless ways, how much more an audit finding."

Apparently, Carague's position is, parties with hidden agenda would twist the COA comments, especially in the reportoring/misclassification of JDF funds, no matter what. The JDF findings have already been posted on the COA website, www.coa.gov.ph, for the whole world to see.

In any case, Carague's position, according to the grapevine, is that the JDF audit never uncovered graft and corruption and other high crimes, only reportorial discrepancies for which a bookkeeper, not the Chief Justice, should be asked to explain.

Heard through the grapevine

THE Securities and Exchange Commission has ordered the Baguio Country Club to reset the shareholders' meeting to Nov. 28, instead of yesterday, after finding that the bulk of the management proxies "suffer from substantial and procedural infirmities."

The SEC found that the majority of proxies being kept by BCC lawyers Victoria de los Reyes and Lorna Kapunan were either "undated,...not authenticated...or (written) in pencil."

"If the questioned proxies were to be excluded, a quorum might not be present for the (yesterday's) annual stockholders meeting," said SEC Chair Lilia Bautista,

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THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE !!!

In the November 6, 2003 issue of the Inquirer, Federico R. Agcaoili, "President" of the Baguio Country Club called me a "liar", in his desire to hide the following truths;

1. On December 11, 1998 the Board of Directors of Baguio Country Club amended the By-Laws of Baguio Country Club extending the term of directors from one (1) year to two (2) years. On November, 1999, the Board of Directors headed by Mr. Agcaoili (Agcaoili Group) declared themselves duly-elected directors of the Baguio Country Club for a term of two (2) years. No election for directors was held in November, 2000.

2. On October 29, 2001, the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) stated that "as to the term of office of the board members, Section 23 of the Corporation Code is explicit in fixing the term of office of only one (1) year". On November 7, 2001, the Agcaoili Group, in a controversy-filled stockholders' meeting, "elected" themselves directors of Baguio Country Club for a period of two (2) years, in violation of Section 23 of the Corporation Code.

3. On November 13, 2002, the SEC ordered the Agcaoili Group to call for an annual stockholder's meeting and election of directors in 2002 and to amend the by-laws limiting the term of directors to one (1) year. The Agcaoili Group defied said Order and subsequent SEC Orders, and, instead, called for a stockholders' meeting and election on **November 6, 2003,** without SEC supervision and control, to amend the Articles of Incorporation converting Baguio Country Club from a stock, non-profit corporation to a non-stock non-profit corporation.

I came out with the ad referred to by Mr. Agcaoili for the following purpose:

1. To object to the proposed amendment converting Baguio Country Club from a stock, non-profit corporation to a non-stock, non-profit corporation.

2. To postpone the Thursday, November 6, 2003 stockholders meeting and election and hold it on Saturday, January 24, 2004, under SEC control and supervision, at a neutral place, preferably in Metro Manila where most Baguio Country Club stockholders reside

The foregoing clearly shows it is not I who is a "liar" as Mr. Agcaoili irresponsibly and maliciously said. I usually say to children when they do not tell the truth, ***"Liar, Liar, tongue on fire"*** **. Mr. Agcaoili, may I offer you a very big glass of ice cold water.**

May I invite all concerned members of the Baguio Country Club to a meeting on ***Wednesday, November 12, 2003*** at ***5:00 p.m.*** at the ***Makati Sports Club,*** Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City to discuss our objectives.

In closing, Mr. Agcaoili wrote" "Thank you for your continuing trust and confidence in your Board of Directors." To Mr. Agcaoili's "Board of Directors", as Father Joaquin Bernas said in yesterday's impeachment proceedings at the Supreme Court, TRUST HAS TO BE EARNED.

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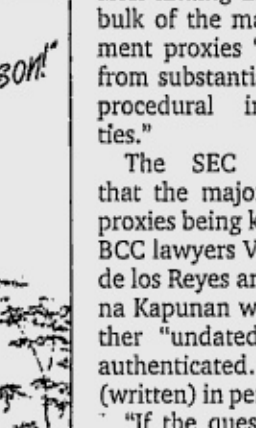

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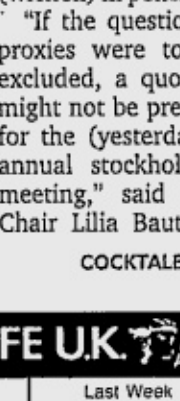

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Lies, damned lies and JDF statistics

TATAGALUGIN ko muna ang kolum ngayon, dahil ayaw ko pong malaman ng mga banyagang mambabasa ang kabuktutan at ka-ulolan ng ilan sa ating mga senador, kongresista at mga reklamador na clerk of courts na abogado pa mandin.

Pilit na iginigiit ng mga ka-kosa ni Erap, Marcos at Danding—pati ba naman ikaw Rene Saguisag at Nene Pimentel?—na nalilinlang daw ng Chief Justice ang mga empleyado ng korte dahil daw sa lumiliit ang kanilang JDF allowance.

Simple lang naman ang dahilan ng pagliit ng allowance—dumarami ang mga empleyado na nagpaparti-parti sa pondo.

Noong 1999, 22,664 lamang ang mga kawani ng mga hukuman. Sa taong 2002, lumobo na ito sa 26,371. Isinama pa ang 470 casuals. Natural na lumiit nga ang partihan. Kinakailangan pa ba nating papuntahin ang Chief Justice sa Kongreso para malaman ito?

Gayun pa man, magkano ba ang tinanggap na JDF allowance ng mga empleyado noong 1999, bago umupo si Davide? Yung sumuweldo ng hindi hihigit sa P7,000 sa isang buwan, P16,000 allowance ang natanggap sa buong taon 1999. Noong 2002, ang kanilang allowance ay naging P40,250. Kailangan pa bang tanungin ang Chief Justice kung alin sa P16,000 at sa P40,250 ang higit na mataas?

Wala raw tiwala ang pangkat Erap-Marcos-Danding sa COA audit dahil "in-house audit" ito. Ang hindi nila sinasabi sa taong-bayan, kaya lang naman nabunyag ang mga numerong ito ay dahil si Davide pa lamang ang unang Chief Justice na nagpa-audit ng JDF na bukod pa sa audit ng regular budget simula ng maitatag ang JDF noong 1984.

Tinitirya nila si Chief Justice dahil bumili daw ito ng bagong Toyota Camry. Eh, yung pinalitan niya, Toyota Crown ang binili at nilaspag. Tapos nung lumipat sa PNB, BMW pa ang gamit. Kaya ba kayo tahimik noon at ngayon dahil ang dating Chief Justice ay abogado at kasangga ni Erap?

Ang sabi sa akin ng isang kongresista na pumirma sa impeachment complaint, binastos daw ni Davide ang Kongreso sa pag-isnab at hindi pagsang-ayon na kutkutin ng mga kongresista ang JDF.

"No one is above the law," sumbat nila. Ang hindi pagpapaunlak sa Kongreso, impeachable offense na? Aba'y bukod sa pagiging KSP, makikitid pala talaga ang mga utak ninyo!

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

Hidden Gem

THE Cabinet secretary during the Aquino years, Jose de Jesus, called up his colleague, now COA Chair Guillermo "Gem" Carague, to persuade him to come out and clarify the misinterpretations now being foisted on the Commission on Audit findings on the Judiciary Development Fund.

According to the grapevine, Carague, Aquino's budget secretary, politely declined, saying, "If the Ten Commandments, already written by God in so simple terms, are being interpreted in countless ways, how much more an audit finding."

Apparently, Carague's position is, parties with hidden agenda would twist the COA comments, especially in the reportoring/misclassification of JDF funds, no matter what. The JDF findings have already been posted on the COA website, www.coa.gov.ph, for the whole world to see.

In any case, Carague's position, according to the grapevine, is that the JDF audit never uncovered graft and corruption and other high crimes, only reportorial discrepancies for which a bookkeeper, not the Chief Justice, should be asked to explain.

Heard through the grapevine

THE Securities and Exchange Commission has ordered the Baguio Country Club to reset the shareholders' meeting to Nov. 28, instead of yesterday, after finding that the bulk of the management proxies "suffer from substantial and procedural infirmities."

The SEC found that the majority of proxies being kept by BCC lawyers Victoria de los Reyes and Lorna Kapunan were either "undated,...not authenticated...or (written) in pencil."

"If the questioned proxies were to be excluded, a quorum might not be present for the (yesterday's) annual stockholders meeting," said SEC Chair Lilia Bautista,

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THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE !!!

In the November 6, 2003 issue of the Inquirer, Federico R. Agcaoili, "President" of the Baguio Country Club called me a "liar", in his desire to hide the following truths;

1. On December 11, 1998 the Board of Directors of Baguio Country Club amended the By-Laws of Baguio Country Club extending the term of directors from one (1) year to two (2) years. On November, 1999, the Board of Directors headed by Mr. Agcaoili (Agcaoili Group) declared themselves duly-elected directors of the Baguio Country Club for a term of two (2) years. No election for directors was held in November, 2000.

2. On October 29, 2001, the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) stated that "as to the term of office of the board members, Section 23 of the Corporation Code is explicit in fixing the term of office of only one (1) year". On November 7, 2001, the Agcaoili Group, in a controversy-filled stockholders' meeting, "elected" themselves directors of Baguio Country Club for a period of two (2) years, in violation of Section 23 of the Corporation Code.

3. On November 13, 2002, the SEC ordered the Agcaoili Group to call for an annual stockholder's meeting and election of directors in 2002 and to amend the by-laws limiting the term of directors to one (1) year. The Agcaoili Group defied said Order and subsequent SEC Orders, and, instead, called for a stockholders' meeting and election on **November 6, 2003,** without SEC supervision and control, to amend the Articles of Incorporation converting Baguio Country Club from a stock, non-profit corporation to a non-stock non-profit corporation.

I came out with the ad referred to by Mr. Agcaoili for the following purpose:

1. To object to the proposed amendment converting Baguio Country Club from a stock, non-profit corporation to a non-stock, non-profit corporation.

2. To postpone the Thursday, November 6, 2003 stockholders meeting and election and hold it on Saturday, January 24, 2004, under SEC control and supervision, at a neutral place, preferably in Metro Manila where most Baguio Country Club stockholders reside

The foregoing clearly shows it is not I who is a "liar" as Mr. Agcaoili irresponsibly and maliciously said. I usually say to children when they do not tell the truth, ***"Liar, Liar, tongue on fire"*** . **Mr. Agcaoili, may I offer you a very big glass of ice cold water.**

May I invite all concerned members of the Baguio Country Club to a meeting on ***Wednesday, November 12, 2003*** at ***5:00 p.m.*** at the ***Makati Sports Club,*** Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City to discuss our objectives.

In closing, Mr. Agcaoili wrote" "Thank you for your continuing trust and confidence in your Board of Directors." To Mr. Agcaoili's "Board of Directors", as Father Joaquin Bernas said in yesterday's impeachment proceedings at the Supreme Court, TRUST HAS TO BE EARNED.

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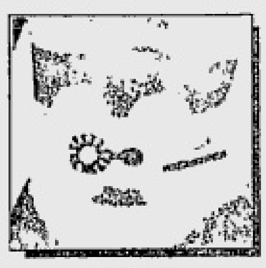

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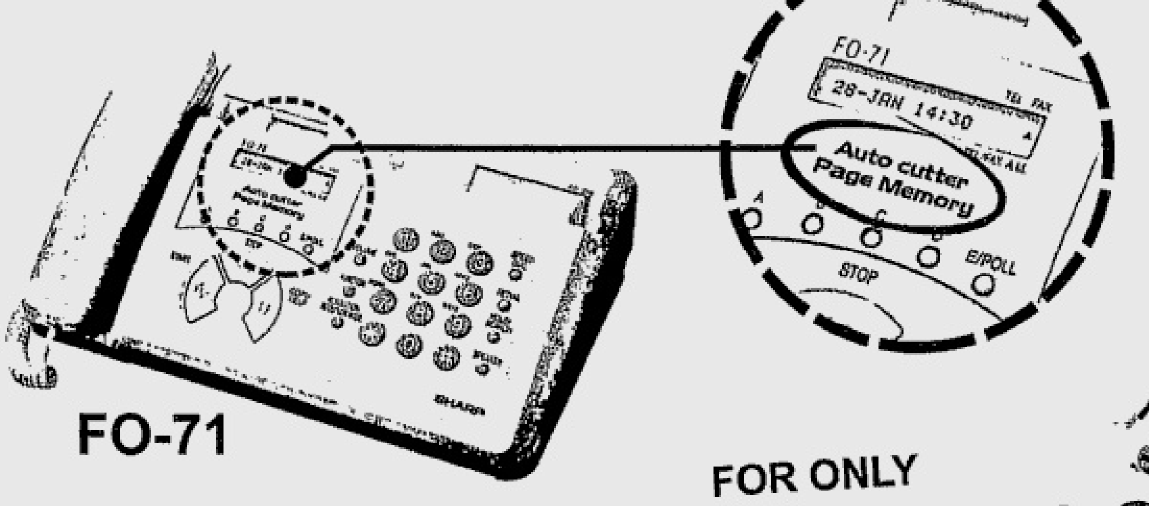

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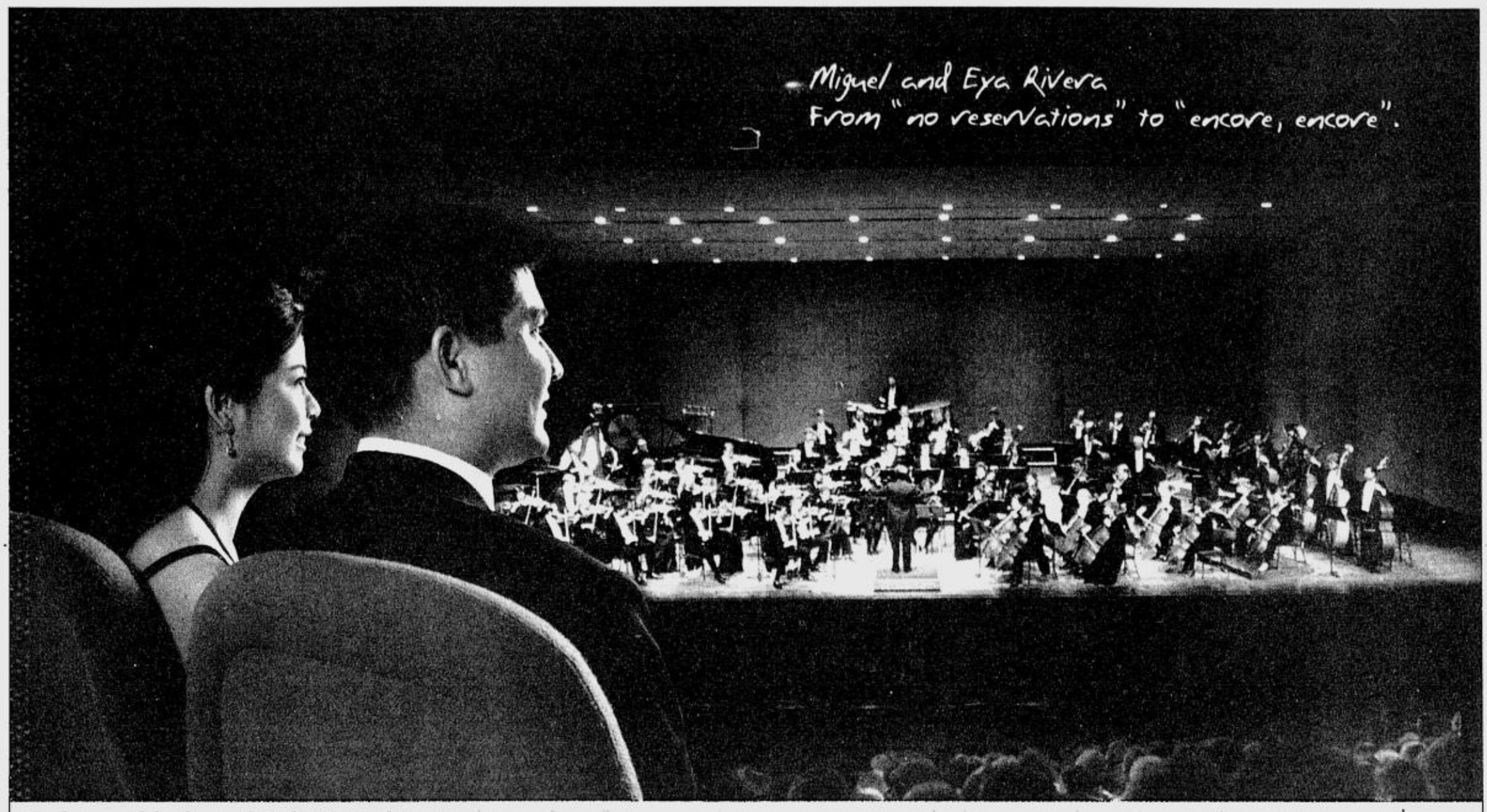

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Peso hits two-week high

By Doris C. Dumlao and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PESO gained ground to hit a two-week high of 55.09 to $1 yesterday after reaching a low of 55.60 early this week, on the market's favorable outlook on the government's fiscal position and foreign currency reserves.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said her timely intervention in the Davide impeachment case helped restore confidence in the country and triggered the peso's sharp improvement in the last two days.

In a statement, Ms Macapagal said: "While we cannot forestall all imaginable political crises, what I can say is that we are diminishing the potential of violence that is attached to these."

Dealers said the local currency had also started benefiting from the increasing foreign remittances from overseas Filipinos in time for the Christmas season.

The peso yesterday hit an intra-day low of 55.34 and an intra-day high of 55.04 with a value turnover of $264.7 million at the Philippine Dealing System.

Dealers said the market welcomed positive reports on the revenue collection of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Bureau of Customs.

This developed as Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho expressed confidence that the government would meet the P202 billion budget deficit ceiling for this year.

The peso weakened in the past few weeks on political uncertainties.

In her statement the President said: "Our institutions have been shaken by untoward incidents since July this year but confidence has held up in the face of the overall stability and viability of our democratic system. We must continue to build on this by unity and reconciliation, resilience and faith in ourselves."

"This should give enough confidence to the business sector that we are crossing the road to permanent stability. Positive gains in security and development bear this out and I am confident that these gains, combined with good governance, will continue to maintain macroeconomic stability.

In the meantime, Camacho said the country would benefit from the forthcoming consultative group meeting with the donor community to be held in Cebu this weekend.

While the Philippines will likely get significantly less official development assistance pledges in nominal terms compared with last year's level, Camacho said the country would focus on projects that were within the government's capacity to support.

"We expect significantly lower ODA pledges for reasons of our own doing, because of our own absorptive capacity and budget constraints.

Gov't seen sticking to economic targets

HONG KONG—The Philippine government is sticking to its economic targets this year and the next despite the shaky political environment ahead of the May 2004 elections, central bank governor Rafael Buenaventura said here yesterday.

Despite the "political noise" generated by such a divisive issue as the constitutionality of the impeachment of Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Buenaventura said the country's economic fundamentals "continue to be strong" and "internally driven by investment and growth in consumption.

"The Philippines has not deviated from its economic goals," Buenaventura said in a speech at a CEO forum organized by Businessweek magazine here.

While he admitted that the current political environment in the country has been "a little bit unwieldy and a little bit inefficient," Buenaventura stressed that "in the end, the process gets carried out."

In the meantime, the Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments on the legality of the impeachment of Davide by the House of Representatives, which is set to submit Articles of Impeachment to the Senate when Congress resumes session on Nov 10.

Congressmen are seeking to impeach Davide for alleged misuse of government funds, a charge he has strongly denied.

President Gloria Arroyo has admitted she is facing problems defusing what has turned out to be a constitutional crisis that has shaken business confidence and provoked fears of a military coup.

The government is targeting a 4.2-5.2 percent growth in gross domestic product this year and 4.9-5.8 percent in 2004. *AFP*

Motorola moves to increase market share

AMERICAN mobile phone manufacturer Motorola Inc. sees a big potential for growth in the Philippine market, with local subscriber base seen hitting 26.6 million in 2005.

In a speech during yesterday's sneak peek of its new handsets, Motorola personal communications sector (PCS) country manager Arlene Amarante said the Philippine cellular subscriber base was the biggest in Southeast Asia and was seen to remain that way at least in the next two years.

"By 2005, forecast is that we will reach 26.6 million subscribers, a 31-percent growth from where we will end in 2003 and 43 percent higher than that in the next country, which is Thailand," she said.

Right now, the Philippines' cellular subscriber base is roughly 20 million.

Cellular giant Smart Communications Inc. recently reported a subscriber base of more than 12 million as of end-October, which included those of sister firm Pilipino Telephone Corp.'s Talk 'N Text brand.

Rival Globe Telecom Inc. closed the first half with 7.3 million subscribers. This number, analysts said, had already reached around 9 million as of end-September.

Amarante added that the Filipinos' penchant for sending short messaging service (SMS) messages, more popularly known as text messages, would continue to drive up mobile phone sales. *Abigail L. Ho*

Pre-need firms seek easing of actuarial valuation rules

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE PHILIPPINE Federation of Pre-Need Plan Companies Inc. is asking the Securities and Exchange Commission to relax its rules on actuarial valuation and accounting to ensure that pre-need companies will give a more accurate picture of their financial status.

In a letter to SEC Chair Lilia Bautista and signed by board members of the federation, the industry group recommended that an interest rate assumption of 12 percent per year be used in the next three years in the computation of the companies' actuarial reserve liabilities (ARL).

The ARL determines the level of the trust fund a pre-need company must maintain to ensure that the benefits of plan holders can be met. A lower interest rate assumption requires pre-need companies to set aside higher amount for its trust fund because the ARL will be bigger.

"If we are given three more years to assume a maximum of 12 percent, we have time to re-allocate our investments until higher and reliable yields are met without having to experience wild swings in ARL and our financial statements," the pre-need group said.

Under the SEC's existing rule, the interest rate assumption should be based on 80 percent of the interest rate of the longest-term government security available. Pre-need companies had started using a 10-percent interest rate assumption for their 2002 ARL computation.

In a briefing the other day, Bautista said the adjustment in the interest rate assumption to 12 percent from the current rule was "acceptable in principle."

Bautista said that the commission was also amenable to the federation's proposal that insurance premium reserve be amortized over a period of 10 years and the reserve funded over a five-year period.

The SEC chair, however, said that the other proposals of the federation might be "difficult" to approve.

The federation had also wanted the commission to allow pre-need companies the flexibility to amortize deferred commissions over a 10-year period instead of the five-year period or up to 2005 earlier granted.

The pre-need plan companies association also suggested that the Commission relax its rule that a pre-need company using modified reserving method should not defer commission expense.

ALI to issue ₱2B worth of bonds

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved Ayala Land Inc.'s proposed issuance of P2 billion worth of five-year bonds, proceeds of which would be used to refinance the company's maturing obligations and fund various capital expenditures.

Philippine Rating Services, which is affiliated with Standard & Poor's, has assigned its highest rating of PRS Aaa to the planned bond issue given the property firm's established brand franchise, substantial recurring rental income and above average debt coverage ratios.

HSBC and Land Bank of the Philippines are lead managers of the bond issue.

Out of the P1.97 billion estimated net proceeds, P1.2 billion will be used to repay portions of short-term loans maturing this year and next year and a portion of a term-loan maturing next year. Also, P770 million of the proceeds will be used to finance the company's several ongoing and proposed land, commercial and residential development projects.

The bonds will mature in five years and one day from issue date and will include a mix of fixed rate and floating rate bonds. The bonds will be offered in denomination of P100,000 each or a multiple of that figure.

Among the Ayala-controlled firm's projects are: Ayala Westgrove Heights, Ayala Hillside Estates, Ayala Northpoint, Plantazionne Verdana Homes and Ayala Heights, One Legaspi Park, Montgomery Place, the Residences at Greenbelt and Ferndale Homes, Greenbelt 4 and Market! Market in Fort Bonifacio.

Based on the company's prospectus, the following risks should be considered by investors: the company faces a competitive business environment, decline in value of the peso against US dollar increases certain costs, the company's leverage creates a number of operating risks, etc.

Cocktales . . .

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amid protestations from the overstaying BCC board.

The rescheduling would allow both sides in the BCC brawl to correct the infirmities and allow shareholders who were not notified by the club to submit their proxies for validation. *(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.)*

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about three times more, South Korea has about $100 billion and Japan, about $200 billion. During the Asian crisis, the country's GIR dropped to single-digit levels.

Consisting mainly of US dollars, the GIR represents the total foreign currency holdings of the central bank, including gold and special drawing rights or SDRs (the currency used by the International Monetary Fund.)

The central bank uses its dollar reserves to intervene in the market and strengthen the peso.

PLDT to sell, lease out idle assets

By Abigail L. Ho

DOMINANT carrier Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.'s recent manpower reduction program (MRP) is seen not only to cut the company's expenses but also to leave more pieces of property open for joint venture agreements, direct sale or lease.

"The MRP released a lot of office space. We want to aggregate the people here (at the PLDT Ramon Cojuangco Building) so that we can save on lease payments and electricity bills," PLDT president and chief executive Manuel Pangilinan told reporters.

PLDT employees occupy different buildings apart from the RCB, which houses the company's executives. These buildings include the adjacent Locsin Building, the Smart Tower One along Ayala Ave. and portion of the Philamlife Tower along Paseo de Roxas Ave.

The company late last year and early this year implemented the MRP in a bid to rationalize its operations and cut costs to match the waning status of its landline business.

As of end-September, PLDT had 10,355 employees, down from the 12,131 employees it had in end-2002.

At the same time, the company has identified various pieces of property that can be put up for sale, lease, or joint venture.

These include the five-hectare prime lot at the corner of Jupiter and Nicanor Garcia Streets in the Makati central business district.

The INQUIRER earlier reported that PLDT was in talks with mall magnate Henry Sy for the sale of the property, currently used as a garage for PLDT vehicles.

INTEREST RATES

November 6, 2003
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Benchmark Interest Rates	MART1 6-Nov-03	MART1 5-Nov-03
1 Month	6.4433	6.4183
3 Months	6.4554	6.4607
6 Months	7.5075	7.47
1 Year	8.2714	8.2583
2 Years	9.025	8.9911
3 Years	9.7633	9.745
4 Years	10.1883	10.185
5 Years	10.5133	10.4783
7 Years	11.1339	11.135
10 Years	11.31	11.2883
20 Years	11.685	11.6983
25 Years	12.07	12.0733

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Bank of the Phil. Islands	45.5	45.5	45	45	15,700
China Banking Corp.	660	660	660	660	158,760
Chinatrust Comm. Bank	19	19	19	19	2,500
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	36.5	36.5	36.5	36.5	10,000
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.71	0.71	0.7	0.7	170,000
First E-Bank Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	10,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27	27.5	27	27	481,000
Philippine National Bank	26	26	26	26	36,600
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	13	13	13	13	7,000
Security Bank Corp.	18	18	18	18	1,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	2,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
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Diversified Fin. Network	2.02	2.02	2	2	25,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.71	860,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	830	835	825	825	11,130
ISM Communications Corp.	0.042	0.043	0.042	0.043	4,600,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.9	0.9	0.89	0.89	4,440,000
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Philweb Corp.	0.013	0.013	0.012	0.013	18,000,000
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Manila Electric Co. B	20	20.5	19.75	20.5	1,237,000
Petron Corp.	2.06	2.06	2.04	2.04	444,000
Salcon Power Corp.	2	2	2	2	8,000
Trans-Asia Oil And Energy	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	20,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	3.2	3.25	3.2	3.2	1,128,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	10,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	110,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.95	0.97	0.95	0.96	420,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.1	3.15	3.1	3.15	120,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	30.5	31	30.5	31	39,700
Jollibee Foods Corp.	17	17	17	17	30,000
San Miguel Corp. A	56.5	56.5	56	56	262,100
San Miguel Corp. B	63	63	62.5	63	85,800
Universal Robina Corp.	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	27,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	150,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	90,000
Ayala Corp.	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	14,472,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.032	0.032	0.03	0.031	9,900,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	10,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	1,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.72	1.72	1.7	1.7	30,000
Baguio Gold Holdings Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	70,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.57	0.58	0.56	0.58	2,730,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	500,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.23	0.26	0.22	0.26	9,860,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	500,000
Aries Prime Res. Inc.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	50,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.02	1.02	1	1.02	409,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	18	18	17.75	17.75	302,900
Global Equities Inc.	0.0875	0.0925	0.0825	0.0925	11,900,000
Ionics Inc.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	80,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	2.04	2.06	2.04	2.06	23,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1,347,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	2,140,000
Music Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	280,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	50,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	20,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	200,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.3	0.34	0.3	0.34	160,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Cen Azucar De Tarlac	1.66	1.66	1.6	1.62	50,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	500,000
Pryce Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	4,560,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75	3,900
Steniel Manufacturing	0.16	0.21	0.16	0.21	70,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.59	0.59	2,470,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	720,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.38	0.4	0.38	0.4	120,000
Manila Jockey Club	10.5	11.5	10.5	11.5	25,000
Mondragon Intl Phils Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.22	250,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	110,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	26,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series N	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series O	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
Philweb Corp. - Warrants	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	34,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.4	7,472,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	20,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.19	0.195	0.19	0.195	1,690,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.24	0.26	0.24	0.26	10,700,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.25	3,830,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1,952,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	80,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	100,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	10,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.3	2,703,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	2,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.22	0.225	0.22	0.225	500,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	2,680,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.0085	0.0085	0.0085	0.0085	21,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009	1,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	10,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	200,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	4,800,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	170,000

DISCLOSURES

ZEUS Holdings Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Nov. 27, 3:30 p.m. at the Penthouse of BA-Lepanto Building, Makati City. Stockholders of record as of Oct. 13 are entitled to vote at the meeting.

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AYALA Corp. will hold its analysts' briefing on Nov. 12, 3 p.m. at South Room A, 25/F of Tower One, Ayala Triangle, Makati City.

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MONDRAGON International Philippines Inc. denied having any information that could explain the increase in its share price from P0.15 to P0.225 per share. The company also denied reports that it was in talks for a possible buyout since this was not one of the company's options.

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PAYMENT date for **Philippine Trust Co.**'s 145.533-percent stock dividend declaration is on Nov. 25, 2003.

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MUSIC Corp. will hold its investor briefing on Nov. 11, 2 p.m. at the Mactan Room of EDSA Shangri-la Hotel.

Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

CURRENCIES

November 6, 2003 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.874049471	1.000000	55.252000
Japan	Yen	0.007954	0.009100	0.502800
United Kingdom	Pound	1.463421	1.674300	92.508400
Hongkong	Dollar	0.112527	0.128742	7.113300
Switzerland	Franc	0.638692	0.730727	40.374100
Canada	Dollar	0.655308	0.749738	41.424500
Singapore	Dollar	0.501981	0.574317	31.732200
Australia	Dollar	0.621083	0.710581	39.261000
Bahrain	Dinar	2.318495	2.652590	146.560900
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.233074	0.266660	14.733500
Brunei	Dollar	0.500544	0.572672	31.641300
Indonesia	Ruplah	0.000103	0.000118	0.006500
Thailand	Baht	0.021933	0.025094	1.386500
UAE	Dirham	0.237985	0.272279	15.044000
Euro	Euro	1	1.144100	63.213800
ArgentinaPeso	0.306147	0.350263	19.352700	
Brazil	REAL	0.305826	0.349895	19.332400
Denmark	Kroner	0.134448	0.153822	8.499000
India	Rupee	0.019303	0.022085	1.220200
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.230044	0.263193	14.541900
Mexico	New Peso	0.079655	0.091133	5.035300
New Zealand	Dollar	0.540504	0.618391	34.167300
Norway	Kroner	0.121225	0.138694	7.663100
Pakistan	Rupee	0.015275	0.017476	0.965600
South Africa	Rand	0.126308	0.144509	7.984400
Korea	Won	0.000739	0.000845	0.046700
Sweden	Kroner	0.110789	0.126754	7.003400
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025737	0.029446	1.627000

Stocks end lower . . .

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Traders said the market was set to test the 1,480 major resistance in the main index after consolidating for two to three days, backed by higher investor interest in most emerging markets.

Globe Telecom led the market's correction, but traders said the company was set for another run-up next week when it releases its third quarter profits—expected to be higher year-on-year.

The Philippine stock index edged down 2.48 points or 0.17 percent to 1,423.39 points. The market is up 39.77 percent so far this year.

Turnover shrank to P412.23 million from P965.92 million on Wednesday. Gainers edged out losers, 26 to 24, while 48 issues were unchanged. *Reuters*

5 PERCENT LIMIT ON INVESTORS

PSE to ask SEC to ease ownership restrictions

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange will ask the Securities and Exchange Commission to ease the restrictions on the ownership of its shares to attract strategic investors.

PSE chair Alicia Arroyo said in a briefing yesterday that the PSE was in talks with potential strategic partners, including foreign stock exchanges, for a possible investment in the local bourse.

Arroyo, however, said that the 5 percent ownership restriction could make it difficult for the PSE to convince these strategic investors to come in.

"A five percent stake won't be enough for strategic investors who usually want board seats," Arroyo explained.

The PSE is enticing foreign investors to invest as it pursues its demutualization or conversion from a mutually-owned firm into a stock corporation and eventual listing of its own shares.

The Securities Regulation Code also limits a single industry's ownership of PSE shares to 20 percent.

This means that the PSE's member-brokers, which now control all of the PSE's voting shares, would have to let go of 80 percent of their shares.

"What is important is that with the divestment, non-brokers will be the owners of the exchange," Arroyo said.

She said the PSE would not push for the repeal of the 20 percent single-industry limit, saying that this was a good safeguard against a single group having a dominant stake in the PSE.

The PSE has committed to list its shares by the end of the year as required by the SEC and will offer its shares by way of introduction or without any public offering.

The PSE has appointed ATR Kim Eng Capital Partners as its financial advisor for the listing.

"We are already two years delayed," Arroyo said.

Stock brokers, on the other hand, warned against any rush sale of shares.

"Trying to sell the 80 percent now is not good for us because we will get very little value," said former PSE chair Vivian Yuchengco.

She said the PSE's listing would be more successful if strategic partners would first buy in through a private placement or negotiated sale.

Yuchengco said she hoped that a new investor would be in place by the end of the year so that the listing could be deferred to the first quarter of next year.

Right pace of trade liberalization

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

THERE was initially a substantial difference of opinion within the Fair Trade Alliance (FTA) on the right pace of trade liberalization.

A small group within the FTA recommended that aside from considering all petitions to increase tariff rates, they wanted "a reversion of tariff rates on all produced or substitutable products to the 1994 level."

If this group had prevailed, the FTA would have recommended the opposite of extreme trade liberalization: vested interest protectionism.

Fortunately, the FTA rejected this protectionist position. Instead, they recommended that the reversion to the 1994 tariff levels be done only for "selected locally produced or substitutable products." The word "selected" brings us to the key question of the right pace of trade liberalization.

Background

In 1989, a World Bank representative from Washington, DC discussed with me his recommendation of rapid trade liberalization of Philippine corn at a very low tariff rate. I was then the Chair of the Technical Committee on Tariff and Related Matters, composed of undersecretaries of other departments and heads of related agencies such as the Department of Agriculture (DA), the National Economic Development Authority (Neda) and the Tariff Commission (TC).

I mentioned the Committee's findings that our corn was not competitive with corn imports at this economist's proposed low tariff level. This did not bother him. He argued that his recommendation was consistent with the theories of trade liberalization and comparative advantage.

He said that our farmers should stop planting corn and instead plant crops like asparagus, where we have a comparative advantage.

This economist was in the same situation that some industrialists and farmers say is the case with some of our government decision-makers. He did not have any actual business or farming experience in the Philippines.

Though sincere, his lack of experience made him take a very academic but unrealistic view of what should be done.

While planting high value crops is desirable whenever feasible, I told this economist that much of our corn land could not easily be transformed to be suitable for asparagus and other such crops, that the asparagus demand was nowhere near the existing corn demand, and that most farmers did not yet have access to the credit, irrigation, technology transfer, and other necessary requirements to produce these high value crops.

This economist withdrew his recommendation. He realized that if rapid corn trade liberalization were implemented, more than one million farmers and their families would go hungry.

Apec

The Asia Pacific Economic Council (Apec) is composed of nations that produce more than one half of the world's international trade. It had always been associated with trade liberalization as its main thrust before 1996.

That year, the Philippines hosted the Apec meeting. Several heads of state came to our country for this purpose. I was assigned to coordinate the involvement of the people's organizations (POs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) in Apec.

Together with PO and NGO leaders like Nicanor Perlas, Dan Songco and Omi Royondoyan, we submitted to President Fidel V. Ramos the collective NGO and PO position of the Philippines on Apec.

Since Apec's main goal was the economic betterment of its member nations' citizens, trade liberalization should not be Apec's main thrust. This is because liberalization sometimes does more harm than good if the pace is too fast.

Therefore, Apec's thrust should be sustainable development, with trade liberalization advocated only if it promotes sustainable development. President Ramos championed this new Apec vision. He succeeded in getting the heads of state of all other Apec nations to sign the 1996 Apec document that embodied this.

Consistency

Since 1996, have we been consistent with this Apec vision? Many farmers think not.

Firstly, they wonder why, for the Asean Fair Trade Agreement (Afta), Malaysia submitted 20,000 tariff lines for exemption from trade liberalization commitments to protect their sensitive products, while we submitted only 5,634 lines? This made us the Asean nation that submitted the least number of tariff lines for exemption, thus leaving several of our sensitive agricultural products with little protection.

Secondly, if we had already committed to liberalization, why did some of our vegetables get only a 7 percent tariff when the WTO bound rate for these vegetables was 40 percent?

The farmers argue that the government never found out their break-even costs to survive. Our government was therefore more academic than realistic when it decided on these rates, much like the World Bank economist. Thirdly, during the tariff hearings earlier this year, the farmers applauded the position initially taken by the DA on raising some vegetable tariff rates to the WTO bound rate of 40 percent. They were dismayed to learn that DA had decreased this later to 25 percent, a rate that would not allow their sector to survive.

Recommendation

The right pace of trade liberalization ought to be the one suggested by the Philippines at the 1996 Apec meeting. It is the pace at which we can achieve sustainable development.

A good starting point is to implement the recommendation of the internationally-based Women's Edge Coalition that was presented to the WTO Cancun Meeting last September: First know the impact on poor men and women before any tariff decision is locked in.

With an orientation that is realistic and compassionate, rather than academic and uncaring, the government and private sector should jointly decide on the right pace of trade liberalization that will achieve our country's sustainable development.

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Rising cost of shipping services hits Napocor

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE RISING cost of shipping services has hit the state-run National Power Corp. as one of its coal suppliers has asked for a P175-million increase in freight payments for previously committed cargo.

A Napocor official said in an interview that Chinese supplier Shanxi Coal Import and Export Group Corp. wanted to charge more than double its freight cost, from $5 a ton to $12 per metric ton.

The shipments involved include five cargo of coal covered under a supply and delivery contract that Shanxi won in an auction last July and two optional cargo provided under a previous contract.

The coal supplies are intended to fuel the 1,200-megawatt Sual power plant in Pangasinan, which is operated by Mirant Philippines Corp., the country's largest independent power producer.

Shanxi has committed to bring in two shipments of 65,000 tons of coal each, in November and December.

"These will be delivered even if Napocor would not agree to pay the higher freight costs," the source said.

Shipping costs have risen to historic levels partly due to a surge in demand for ships that would bring raw materials to China.

The official also said that there was a shortage in seafaring haulers, which affected Shanxi's coal deliveries.

"Shanxi's output is not yet back to previous levels, but the problem is more on finding available ships," the source said.

The Napocor official, however, said the predicament would not affect the security of fuel supply as the company had tapped fresh coal sources in an auction held last month.

A P711-million contract was awarded to Shenhua Coal Trading Co.—also from China—for five coal shipments accounting for 325,000 tons to be delivered between November and December.

Napocor had announced it would need 4.9 million tons of imported coal and 2.2 million tons of local coal in 2004, which would cost $228.9 million or about P12.6 billion.

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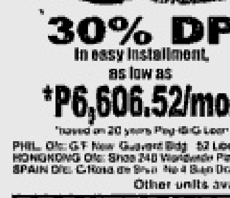

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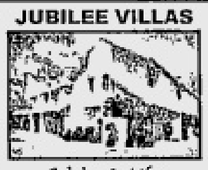
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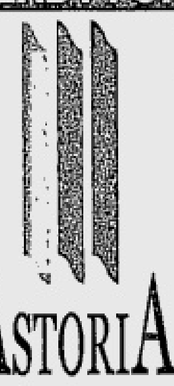
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The theme of the conference "Accountability of Schools Superintendents in the context of Decentralization", focuses on the learners, management of funds and resources and management of personnel under RA 9155 (Governance of Basic Education).

Secretary Edilberto C. de Jesus will be the guest and keynote speaker. Participants in this conference are the regional and assistant regional directors, schools Division superintendents and Assistant schools division superintendents, bureau service and center directors, heads of units, chiefs of division who are members of the PASS and designated committee members are also authorized to attend. They are expected to share inputs and craft policy recommendations and guidelines to operationalize shared governance.

Consultants from the field of education and management have been invited as panel discussants and interrogators.

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November 6, 2003

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID NO. CMIPP-P03-1

All mechanical/structural steel works contractors or fabricators, with operational fabrication shop and with company experience in similar steel gate parts fabrication are invited to apply for eligibility and to bid for the proposed "Fabrication, Supply and Delivery of Slide Steel Gate Parts for UPRIIS-Districts I, III and IV IMT Areas". Delivery place is at the NIA-CMIPP-IC Project Management Office at CLSU Compound, Muñoz Science City.

The subject work has a total approved Purchase Request (PR) budget of P407,701.92 which is being funded from the NIA-CMIPP's CY 2003 Budget. The delivery period of the subject work is within 45 calendar days from the date of receipt of the Purchase Order (PO) by the contractor.

Eligibility application form may be secured free of charge from the Office of BAC Secretariat on November 10-20, 2003. Deadline for submission of eligibility statement is on November 21, 2003.

Eligible bidders may obtain the necessary bid forms and drawings/specifications from the BAC Secretariat on November 26 - December 4, 2003 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00/set.

Sealed bids in duplicate forms accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the form of CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MANAGER'S CHECK ONLY and equivalent to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total approved Purchase Request (PR) budget shall be submitted to the Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee for Goods and Infrastructure Projects not later than 12:00 Nn of December 12, 2003 and will be publicly opened at 2:00 PM of the same date at the NIA-CMIPP Conference Room.

NIA-CMIPP/BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids that failed to comply with any of the bidding requirements and to accept the offer most beneficial to the government. The decision of the NIA-CMIPP/BAC in the evaluation of bids is final.

(Sgd.) SERAFIN A. PALTENG
Project Manager

(PDI – November 7 & 14, 2003)

ERRATUM

In the ad of the Department of Education Re: Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid published in this paper November 1, 2003 non-refundable fee (to avail of Bidding Documents) should have been **One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)** instead of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) as printed.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture is inviting all interested suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the:

Security Services of the PCC National Gene Pool and Headquarters for the Year 2004

The date of bidding and pre-bidding conference including the eligibility requirements are detailed as follows:

Date of bidding	December 12, 2003, 10:00 a.m.
Place of bidding	PCC National Gene Pool and Hqs. CLSU Cpd., Maharlika Highway, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija

A. Requirements to be submitted on the date of the bidding

Envelope 1	Eligibility Requirements
Envelope 2	Techical Documents
Envelope 3	Financial Documents
Envelope 4	Bid Proposal
Pre-bid conference	November 28, 2003, 10:00 a.m. PCC National Gene Pool and Hqs. CLSU Cpd., Maharlika Highway, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija
Issuance of Instructions to Bidders, Bid Proposal Forms bidding documents	November 10-14, 2003

B. Eligibility Requirements:

B.1 Legal Documents (Envelope 1)
- Mayor's Permit Municipal License (Current)
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- BIR, TIN and VAT Registrations
- Statement that the firm is not blacklisted by any government office, agency or corporation

B.2.1 Technical Documents (Envelope 2)
- Track record of previous similar transactions including contact persons and telephone numbers.
- Award or contract related to the services to be procured. The previous sales or contract shall be at least fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the services to be bidded.
- A valid PNP Security Agencies and Guards Supervision Division registration of the security agency shall also be submitted.

B.2.2 Financial Documents (Envelope 3)
- Financial Statement stamped "Received" by the BIR for the immediate preceding calendar or fiscal years duly notarized. The working capital (current assets less current liabilities) of the two (2) audited Financial Statements shall be at least equal to the total amount of the approved agency estimate.

C. Bid Proposal (Envelope 4)
- Sealed bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security equivalent to 2.5% of the total bid price in the form of cash or manager's/cashier's check from a bank or financial institution.

For further information, please call Engr. Eduardo Dalusong, Procurement Officer at telephone numbers (044) 4560-731 to 33 or Mr. Rogel M. dela Cuesta at telephone numbers 926-7707 and 921-3863.

All particulars relative to the Eligibility, Bid Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Evaluation and Award shall be governed by Republic Act No. 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.

The PCC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or waive any defect or required formality therein and to award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is advantageous to the government. PCC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does not guarantee that an award will be made.

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	MINIMUM BID PRICE
SCHEDULE - I		
1.	One (1) Lot - Excess Pipe Casings, 319 pieces and Pipe Fittings, Nuts, Flanges, and Bolts of various size, length and thickness. Please see attached list and pictures with the Bid Forms. Located at MAKBAN GPP, BAY, LAGUNA.	P 3,010,300.00/Lot
2.	One (1) Lot - Unserviceable Stationary Equipment, consisting of Twenty-Five (25) units, and Junk Heavy Equipment consisting of Two (2) units. Please see list and pictures with the Bid Forms. Located at PGI S/Y, NPC MAKBAN GPP, Barangay BITIN, BAY, LAGUNA.	P 850,000.00/Lot
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1.	One (1) Lot - Sludge Oil, approximately 67,557 Liters. Located at NPC Tank No. 7, Bataan Thermal Plant, Barangay LUZ, LIMAY, BATAAN.	P 169,000.00/Lot

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All interested parties who wish to secure bid forms must present a valid Tax Identification Card or Income Tax Return. Bid Forms at P500.00/schedule may be secured from Mr. S.V. LOMUNTAD, Jr. at MMD, NPC Head Office, corner Agham Road and Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City or call tel. no. 924-5384. Deadline for issuance of bid forms is 4:30 p.m. November 24, 2003.

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INVITATION TO BID

The DENR Lands Management Bureau (DENR-LMB) with office address at Plaza Cervantes, Binondo, Manila invites interested bidders to submit sealed bids to lease on a long term basis Lot 1-C, Block 1862, Cad 12, a national government property located at the corner of Numancia and Urbiztondo Streets, Binondo, Manila containing a total area of 21,727 sq. meters ("the Property").

The Property is classified as commercial land with SEVENTY SEVEN (77) two-storey commercial type buildings fully occupied. It is few blocks away from Divisoria area and two blocks away from the LMB building and inside the central business district of Chinatown.

Bidding documents and terms of reference may be obtained by interested parties starting November 11, 2003 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) at the office of the Cashier, Lands Management Bureau.

A pre-bid conference will be held on December 16, 2003 at 2:00 PM at the Conference Room, Office of the Director, Lands Management Bureau to thresh out relevant issues.

Deadline for submission of bids is on or before January 8, 2004 at 2:00 PM. Bids shall be submitted at the Conference Room, Office of the LMB Director. Late bids shall not be accepted.

THE PROPERTY IS THE SUBJECT OF A PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FILED BY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK (PNB) AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES BEFORE THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF PASAY CITY, BRANCH 118, DOCKETED AS CIVIL CASE NO. 03-0368-CFM, AND A PETITION FOR CERTIORARI FILED BY PNB AGAINST THE RTC JUDGE OF PASAY CITY, BRANCH 118 AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS, ELEVENTH DIVISION, DOCKETED AS CA-G.R. SP NO. 78980.

The DENR-LMB reserves the right to reject any and all letters of intent or bids, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, or to annul the bidding process at any time prior to award of contract, to waive any required formality in the bids received or defects therein, or to accept such bid as may be considered most advantageous to the government, without giving any reason therefor and incurring any liability to the affected bidders.

All particulars relative to the registration, eligibility, bidding, evaluation of bids and awards of contract shall be governed by applicable laws, rules and regulations and the DENR-LMB does not assume any obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify any party for any expense that may be incurred in the preparation of a bid, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

Recommendation to award by the Bids and Awards Committee is subject to the final approval by the DENR Secretary.

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His bereaved family: nephews and nieces **MARCELINO, GUILLERMO & VIRING, GREGORIO & MONSIE, PETRA & ELISEO, ROSITA & NAZARIO, ARCELI,** grandnephews, grandnieces, relatives and friends request to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Funeraria Nacional, Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Himlayang Pilipino, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

MARIA ROCEL MENGUITO VILLANUEVA

of California, USA and Pateros, Metro Manila

Peacefully joined her Creator in California, USA. On October 23, 2003 at the age of 38.

Her bereaved parents **Domingo** and **Teresita**; brother **Roel**; sister **Linette**; sister-in-law **Josie**; **Nanay Juling, Lolo Fel**; nephews, nieces, uncles and aunties, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains arrived on November 6, 2003 and lies in state at Chapel 3 Garden of Memories Memorial Chapels, Calzadang Bago, Pateros, Metro Manila.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 9, 2003 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Garden of Memories Memorial Park, Calzadang Bago, Pateros, Metro Manila.

GREGORIO A. SAUCO, SR.

Peacefully joined his Creator on November 6, 2003 at the age 69.

His loving wife **SALOME**; children **GEN & BING, MARIE & DOMS, GEORGE, GARY & ARMIE** and grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at Baliuag Municipal Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Sto. Cristo Chapel, Baliuag, Bulacan.

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of Oas, Albay

Peacefully joined her Creator on November 4, 2003

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Interment will be on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Loyola.

"Let the words of my mouth meet your Favor, keep the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock, my redeemer..."

— Psalm 21:15

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Professional Regulation Commission, with address at P. Paredes cor. N. Reyes St. (formerly Morayta St.), Sampaloc, Manila hereby invites licensed Security Agencies to apply for eligibility and to participate in the bidding to provide security services as follows:

1.	PRC Central Office, Manila	– 12 Guards
2.	PRC Regional Office, Davao	– 4 Guards
3.	PRC Regional Office, Cagayan de Oro	– 4 Guards
4.	PRC Regional Office, Cebu	– 4 Guards
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9.	PRC Regional Office, Tacloban	– 3 Guards
10.	PRC Regional Office, Tuguegarao	– 3 Guards
11.	PRC Regional Office, Zamboanga	– 4 Guards
	TOTAL	46 Guards

Terms of Reference (TOR), Instructions to Bidders, registration and eligibility requirements can be obtained on **November 7, 2003** onwards from the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) at the Office of Commissioner Leonor T. Tosero, 2nd Floor, Main Building, P. Paredes cor. Morayta St., Sampaloc, Manila, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00. Deadline for submission of registration requirements is **November 14, 2003.**

Eligible bidders are requested to attend a Pre-bidding Conference on **November 21, 2003** at 10:00 a.m. at 3rd Floor, PABE Conference Room, Main Building.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality therein, or declare a failure of bidding, or not to award the contract, annul the bidding or to accept the bid most advantageous to the PRC. It likewise assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

(Sgd.) **ANTONIETA FORTUNA-IBE**
Chairperson

(PDI–Nov. 7 & 14, 2003)

PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE
Air Force Logistics and Support Command
Headquarters 420th Supply Wing
Clark Air Base, Air Force City
Angeles City, Pampanga

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC BIDDING

The PAF Disposal Committee will received sealed bids until **25 November 2003, 10:00 AM** at **Conference Room, 420th Supply Wing, PAF Clark Air Base, Angeles City,** Pampanga for the sale of the following unserviceable properties on "As is Where is" basis.

Lot Number/Description	Location	Min. Bid Price
01-249-020 One (1) SF-260 Aircraft Nr 703 and SF-260 Assorted Aircraft Carcasses	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanca, Pampanga / AETC, Fernando Air Base, Lipa City	P513,050.00
01-249-016 Assorted QM, Office & Eng'g. Equipment considered as junk	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanca, Pampanga	40,000.00

REMINDERS TO BIDDERS:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding.
2. To submit bid in PAF official bid form.
3. Earnest money is required in the form of cash or manager's check equivalent to (10%) of the minimum bid price is required.
4. To be on time. No bid will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commence.
5. Pre-bid conference and issuance of Bid Forms (P200.00 per set) will be on **18 November 2003, 2:00 PM at 420th SW Conference Room,** Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga.
6. Inspection schedule will be from **10 - 18 November 2003,** from 0800H to 1600H, Monday to Friday.

PAF DISPOSAL COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS FOUND THEREIN, AND TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PAF.

For details and schedule of inspection call Cpt. Roberto M. Pascua PAF at (045) 599-2015 loc 6524 or mobile 09197774040.

(Sgd.) RUBEN C ESTEPA
Colonel, PAF (JSC)
Wing Commander/Chairman
PAF Disposal Committee

(PDI – November 07, 08 & 09, 2003)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Date 7 November 2003
World Bank Loan No.: 4446 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Local Government Finance and Development and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the Construction of School Buildings (SP-047-IN-01). Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*
2. The Municipality of Sudipen, La Union invites sealed bids from eligible sources for the construction of a School Buildings: 2 units 2-classroom with CR one-storey school building and 1 unit 6-classroom with CR two storey school building.
3. Bidding documents may be purchased starting November 8 to December 17, 2003, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday at BAC Office, Municipal Hall, Sudipen, La Union upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P3,500.00) only or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency, for each set. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (P250,000.00) Pesos in forms of cash, certified check, bank guarantee or its equivalent in a convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the BAC Office, Municipal Hall, Sudipen, La Union on or before December 17, 2003 – 10:00 AM at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.
5. A pre-bid conference will be held on December 3, 2003, 9:00 AM at the BAC Office, Municipal Hall, Sudipen, La Union.

(Sgd.) HON. VISITACION M. PIAOAN
Municipal Mayor/BAC Chair

(PDI–Nov. 7, 2003)

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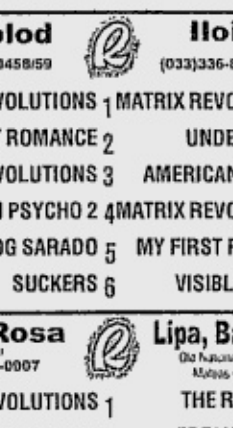

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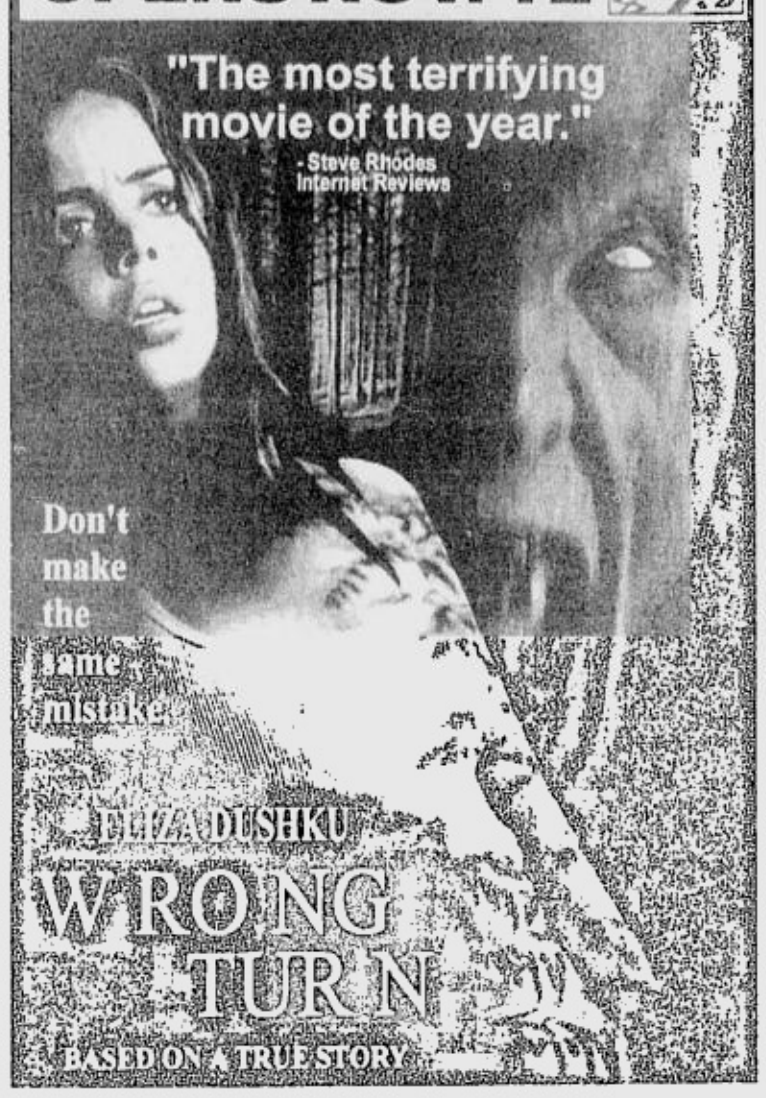

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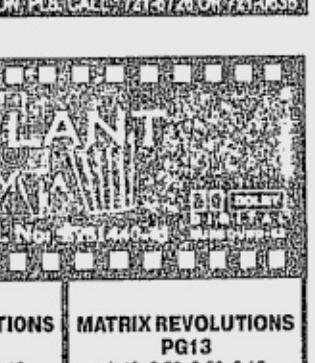

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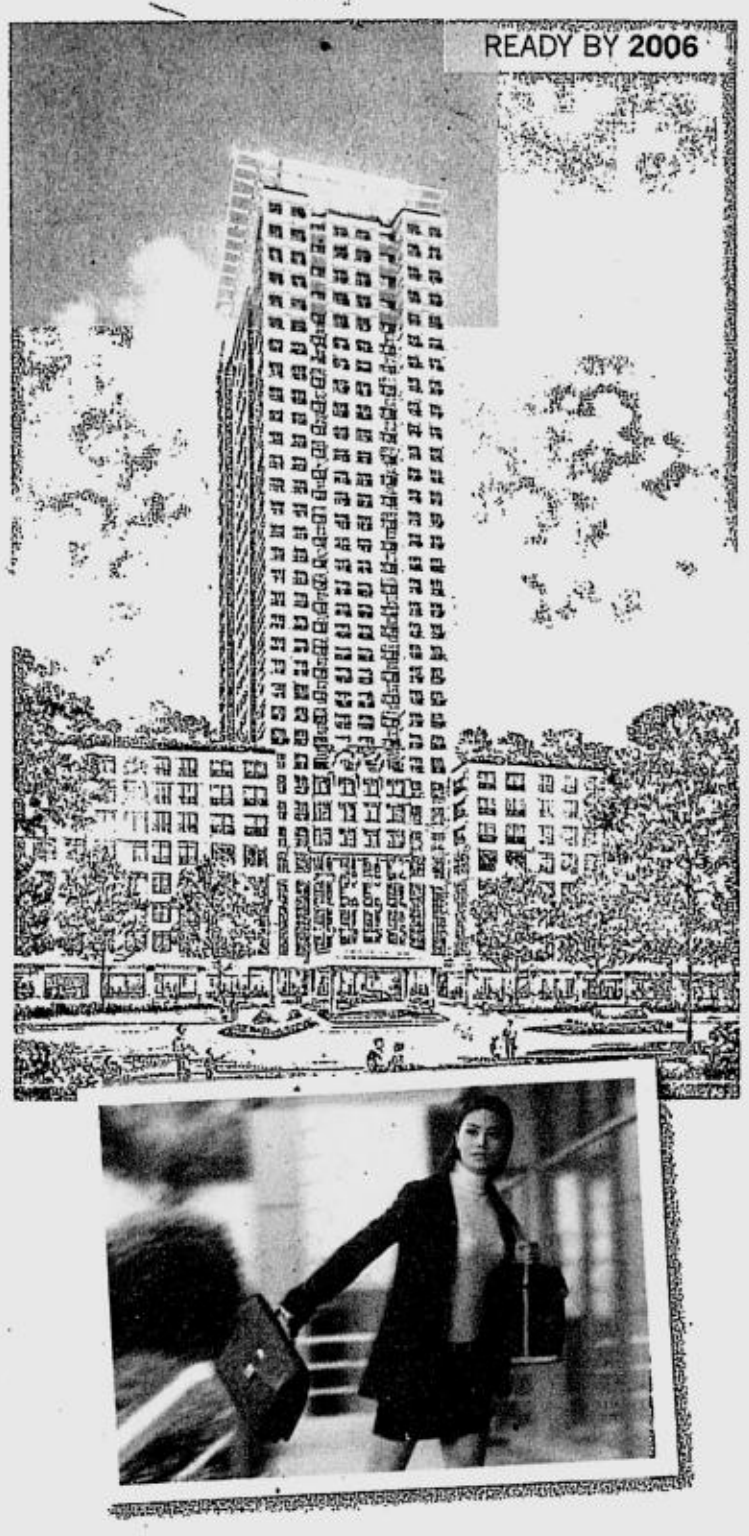

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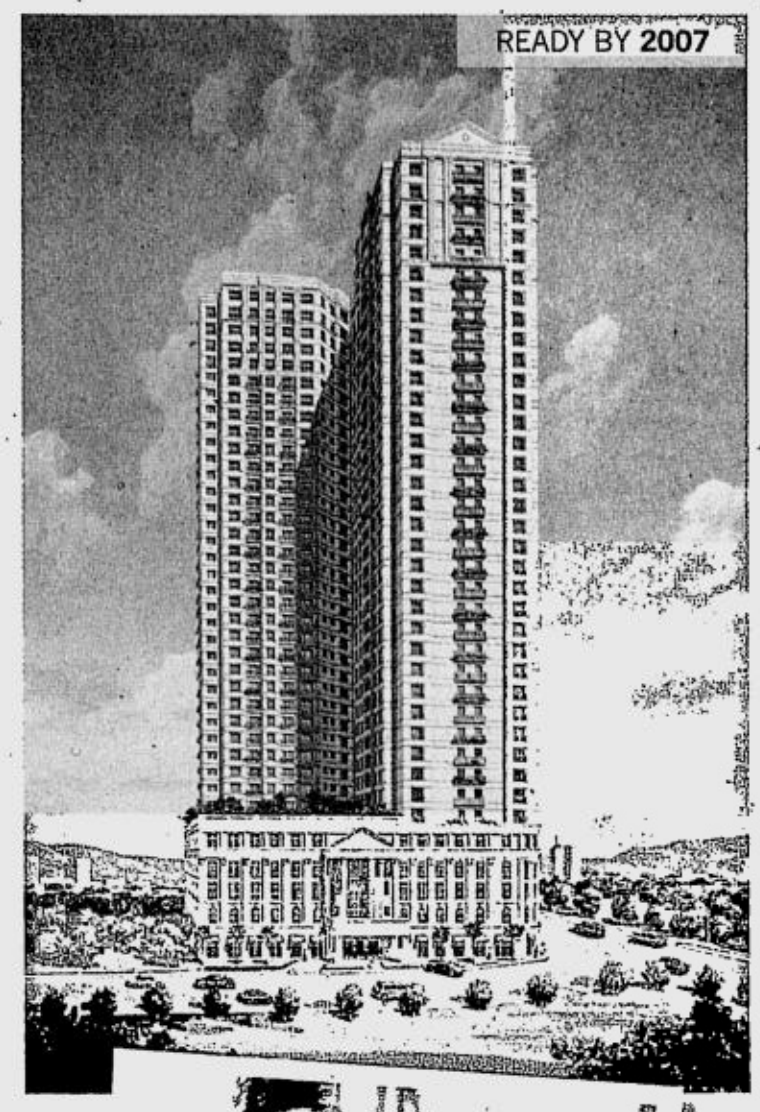

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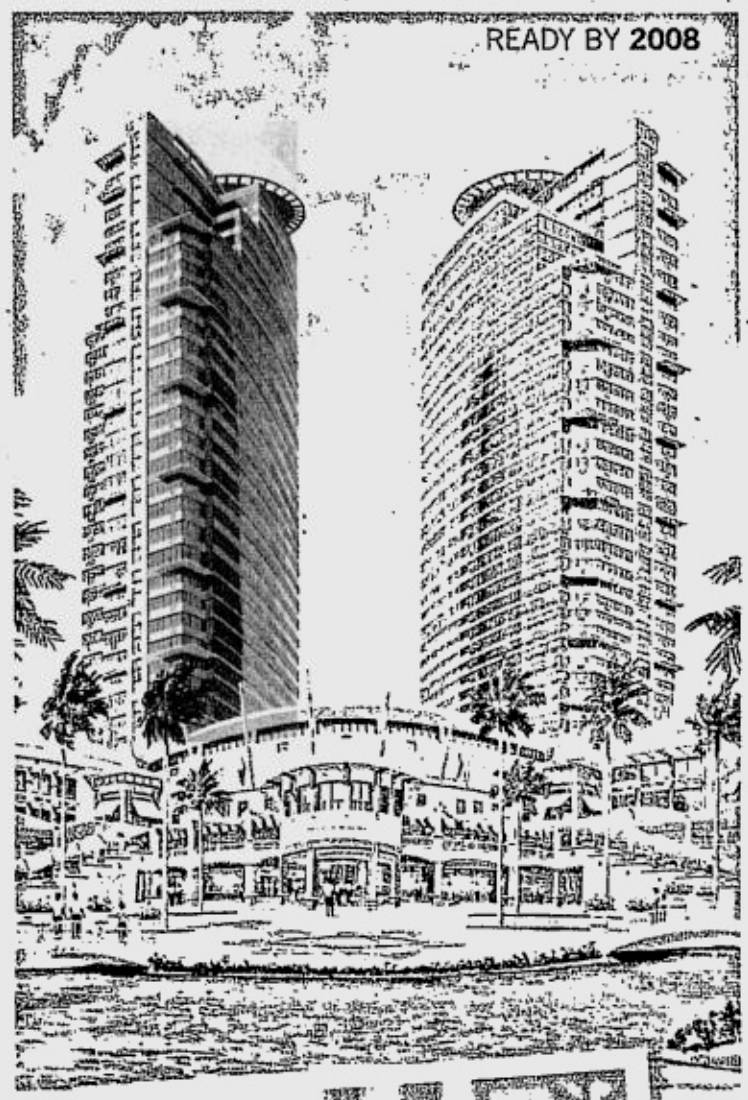

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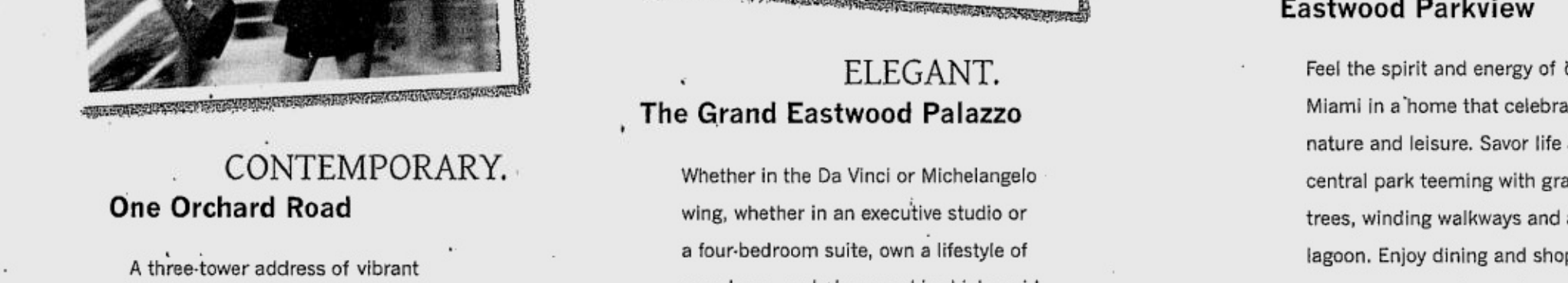

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BUSINESS Friday

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Create the look that will make a customer buy

WHEN a shopper walks into a mall, as many as 500 stores—each one with its own set of products and services—vie for his attention. In this kind of retail setting, a shopper can hardly be expected to make a purchase on the basis of a product's usefulness and quality alone—the criteria many assume are the most important in determining sales.

With the proliferation of malls and controlled retail environments, it has become imperative to collar the shopper as well in these places where he is most likely to make a purchase, observes Isabel Berenguer-Asuncion, a designer with experience in establishing new stores.

"First, you've got to catch the shopper's attention so you can draw him into your store. That's step one. Then, you focus his attention on an array of merchandise. That's step two. And only then can you get to step three, that point when you have a good chance of getting him to buy your product on its inherent strengths."

Steps one and two, as described by Berenguer-Asuncion, have in fact evolved into a new design specialty—visual merchandising. Defined as the art of transforming the shopper into a customer through arresting displays, visual merchandising is fast becoming a necessity for retailers focused on growing their enterprises. An architect with over a decade's experience of designing stores including those in Hong Kong where she received her training, Berenguer-Asuncion describes the basics of visual merchandising and store design:

1. Use graphics to grab attention. In a mall, blown-up images of a logo, a photo that projects brand character, or the product itself are good ways to make a shopper take notice. Berenguer-Asuncion explains that particularly when the items to be sold are small in size e.g. watches, jewelry or cosmetics, graphics at eye level grab shopper attention. Inside a store, graphics on the wall farthest from the entry draws the shopper inside to explore the goods.

GRAPHICS direct shoppers attention in this watch store.

2. The name of the game is to stand out. A store should look different from its neighbors. Aside from the use of graphics, it can stand out through color as well as signages that are cleverly lit. In one store at the Glorietta, for instance, Berenguer-Asuncion used a band of light stretching across the store front as the backdrop for the Alexis store logo. "The point is that a storefront design should always take into consideration its context," she observes.

3. Avoid rectangles and squares when you can employ more dynamic shapes to frame

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MASSIVE shoe wall fits 700 shoe styles.

Marrying sports into fashion

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

IT was not too long ago when only sports enthusiasts went into sports shops. They would go around the aisles, find the specific item they had in mind, pay for it, then leave.

Those days have long gone as the market for sports expanded almost exponentially over the past few years, to include the vast consuming majority, who are not really into performance sports.

The world of sports has also married into fashion, and fashion went into sports.

The Philippines' Toby's Sports and Hobbies, started 25 years ago by chair Roberto S. Claudio, predicted the trend as early as three years ago, thus, its decision to change its sports retailing concept from the ordinary Toby's sports shop, into one that merged shopping and entertainment through the Toby's Sports Arena.

Claudio says consumers these days are looking for both the product and the shopping experience, thus, care goes to the way the products are displayed, the lighting and even the kind of music played in the Toby's Sports Arena.

Every Toby's Sports Arena has a track oval that leads the consumers through the store's selection of equipment, shoes, and apparel. There are also video walls showing sports idols in action and sections dedicated to specific sports.

To further differentiate the Toby's Sports Arena from its local and even international rivals in Asia, it installed interactive sports equipment called "The Shootout", first at the two-level Glorietta Store in Makati in 1999.

The Shootout allows consumers to test their basketball skills. It is a half-court shooting area, which has never failed to attract consumers into the stores, and Claudio says many of these visits have translated into sales.

The Glorietta concept store proved successful that Claudio followed up the Toby's Sports Arena concept to include one in Alabang, Ortigas and in SM North Edsa, which opened last May.

The new SM North Edsa Annex branch features not only the basketball court, but "The Rock," a 25-foot freeform indoor climbing wall that serves as the centerpiece of the concept store.

"The Rock" has five different routes of varying difficulty that can accommodate begineer, intermediate or advanced climbers. If getting up isn't a problem then consumers can join the Rock's "Speed Climb Challenge." The person with the fastest time to the top wins special prizes every month.

"There was real interaction between the interactive equipment and sales. Everyday we have about 25,000 coming in and out of the stores and we are very happy with the turnout in sales. We believe this really shows that we have been able to merge shopping with entertainment," Claudio says.

The interactive equipment goes well with the other hallmarks of the Toby's sports store such as the massive shoe wall, which accommodates over 700 shoe styles for almost any type of sports activity.

Interactive kiosks allow buyers to browse

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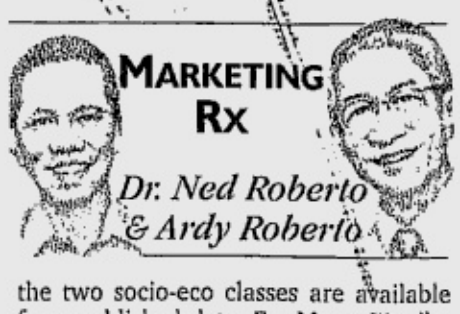
How entrepreneurs estimate market size or market share - Part I



A DIRECT sales entrepreneur who is in the food supplement and vitamins market e mailed this question:

"I read your Marketing Rx column last Friday about how small entrepreneurs like myself should think of word-of-mouth as an alternative to using celebrity endorsers in growing the reach of my business' market communication. My problem is more basic. It's not just my marketing communication reach that I want to grow but also my entire business. To prepare a business plan, I was told that I needed basic market information particularly market size and market share information. Where can I affordably get these data and how useful are they for my goal to grow my business that has reached P6.5 million gross sales last year concentrated in only Metro Manila?"

In marketing seminars and conferences, we've been asked this type of question before. It's an important question. It's a basic and strategic.

"Where can we get information about market size and market shares and do they matter for us entrepreneurs managing small businesses ?"

There are two related parts to the question. We'd like to answer the first part of the question directly and then qualify our answers in addressing the question's second part.

"What's an affordable source of market size and market share data?"

You can estimate the market size of a market segment like the Metro Manila market segment from this definition:

Segment Market Size = (segment population size) x (usage frequency) x (amount or price paid)

Suppose that in the Metro Manila market, you're interested in the Class ABC segment versus the Class DE segment. You're wondering which of these two segments is the larger segment in market size. To get the answer, you need data on the three unknowns in the right side of the segment market size equation.

Using surveys and UAIs

Segment population size estimates for the two socio-eco classes are available from published data. For Metro Manila, those are 30 percent for Class ABC and 70 percent for Class DE. Just because the Class DE segment is 2.3 times larger than Class ABC does not mean that it is the larger market size segment. You have to complete solving the market size equation.

For the vitamin usage frequency data, you can buy this from the Omnibus Consumer Survey of any of the four leading survey research agencies. This is a quarterly UAI-type survey of a representative random sample of consumers. UAI is an abbreviation for usage, attitude, image." For Metro Manila, the total sample is 800 across all socio-eco classes. You pay on a per question basis that ranges about P25,000 to P30,000 per question.

One such study in 2000 indicated that in Metro Manila, Class ABC adult vitamin consumers take an average of 1.3 tablets a day 365 days of the year. In contrast, Class DE consumers take vitamins only when they get sick. On the average, they get sick twice a year for an average of six days. But vitamins are taken not on all six days but only half that length of time. Just playing around with these figures, tells you that the "usage frequency multiplier" for the Class ABC segment (=1.3 x 365) versus Class DE segment's (=2 x 3) far exceeds the "population size multiplier" of Class DE (= 70) versus Class ABC segment's (= 30). The "price multiplier" is also in favor of Class ABC segment.

The overall conclusion you'd reach is that the Class ABC segment has the much larger market size for food supplement or vitamin than the Glass DE segment.

As to market share, you can also resort to the UAI survey and the two statistics of "percent last used your brand" and "percent use your brand most often" often turn out as good approximation of your brand's market share coming from the retail audit. If you don't want to spend for this statistic, you can get an approximation by measuring the different brands' shelf facing in the supermarket or open-shelf drugstore. So here your market share is defined as:

Market share= (your brand's centimeters of shelf facing) divided by (the store's total centimeters of shelf facings for all vitamin brands including your brand)

The logic of this estimation assumes that store owners will allocate shelf space to vitamin brands according to each brand's current share of total vitamin sales.

Next week, we move to the more interesting second part of the question: "How much do these data matter to small business entrepreneurs?"

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Catching up with the tiangge - Part 2

By Bernard U. Cobarrubias
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SINCE I can't afford a real Ferragamo wallet, I don't really mind the one or few letters' difference between the real thing and the tiangge's Ferragammo or Feraganno fare. Brand-conscious beggars, like me, simply can't be choosers.

As the tiangge appeals to everyone's limited budget, especially now with the approaching gift-giving season, it is the target anew of the Bureau of Internal Revenue's efforts to curb tax evasion.

A few months after it issued the original tiangge or "privilege store" Regulations (RR 16-03), the BIR recently refined its rules and passed revised regulations. Numbered as RR 23-03, the new regulations specify its coverage and the collection of advance percentage taxes, among others.

The term "privilege store" refers to a store or outlet, not registered with the BIR, does not have a fixed location, and is normally set up in places like shopping malls, hospitals, office buildings, hotels, villages or subdivisions, churches, parks, sidewalks, streets and other public places, for the purpose of selling a variety of goods/services for short durations of time or special events.

Should the duration exceed six months in any taxable year, then, it shall not be considered a privilege store.

The old tiangge regulations used to cover not only unregistered businesses, but also registered businesses participating in privilege store operations.

In the revised rules, however, the BIR limits the coverage of the regulations to the so-called underground economy.

As if dealing with the shortcomings of registered taxpayers is not difficult enough, the BIR's efforts to stem the pervasive tax evasion of unregistered businesses will likely prove a tad trickier. So, how does the BIR intend to tax a faceless adversary that only goes by the name *manang* or *manong tindero?*

Similar to RR 16-03, RR 23-03 provides for the "advance payment of probable taxes due" from the tiangge. Advance payment means that taxes due in the future are collected even prior to the operation of the tiangge.

Thus, even before the haggling in the tiangge starts, the BIR would have, in a manner of speaking, been done shopping.

To accomplish this, the BIR observed that the operation of a tiangge includes three primary actors: (1) the owner or lessor who generally, owns the shopping mall, hospitals, etc., and leases the space to the Organizer; (2) the organizer or the primary lessee of the entire space where the privilege-stores are located and (3) the operator who generally sub-leases the space from the Organizer and sells its wares to the public.

Of course, there may be combinations of these roles. The owner can be the same as organizer or the organizer can be an operator.

The tax on the operator is the main focus of the regulations. The operator is required to do the following:

1. If it does yet have a TIN, then, it must apply for a TIN with the Revenue District Office of the BIR having jurisdiction over the privilege-store activity/event.

2. The Operator must pay a percentage tax in advance as follows:

a. P150 per day or P4,500 per month on privilege-store,regardless of dimension, set up in air-conditioned place/area or establishment located in a city or First Class Municipality for the duration of the privilege-store's operations.

b. P100 per day or P3,000 per month on privilege-store, regardless of dimension, set up in non-airconditioned place/area or establishment located in a City or First Class Municipality

c. P75 per day or P2,500 per month on privilege-store, regardless of dimension, set up in air-conditioned place/area or establishment located in a Municipality other than a First Class Municipality during the entire duration that such privilege store is allowed to operate.

d. P50 per day or P1,500 per month on privilege-stores, regardless of dimension, set up in non-airconditioned place/area or establishment located in a Municipality other than a First Class Municipality

3. Finally, the operator must withhold the 5 percent tax on rentals for sub-leased spaces to the exhibitor/ organizer or lessor/owner of leased.

The BIR has removed the obligation to pay advance income taxes and advance value added taxes as found in RR 16-03. After all, VAT is inapplicable to unregistered businesses, and income tax due from the tiangge should be declared by its owner in his or her personal income tax returns.

To make sure that the operator complies with these rules, the organizer is tapped to police their ranks by disallowing the operator to send his or her wares in the tiangge without proof of such TIN and advance tax payments.

The BIR further assumes that the owner and the organizer would have their respective BIR registration papers. To ensure this, the organizer is required to post its Certificate of Registration (COR) issued by the BIR in a conspicuous place in the area or space devoted to the establishment of privilege stores.

Obviously, if the organizer is not yet registered with the BIR, then it must do so. The regulations require the organizer to register with the BIR at least 15 days before the start of the privilege store's activity.

The registration of the organizer is an important aspect of the BIR's strategy. As mentioned, the organizer would be the link to the system of advance collection of probable taxes from the previously anonymous operator.

This is achieved by requiring the organizer to, among others:

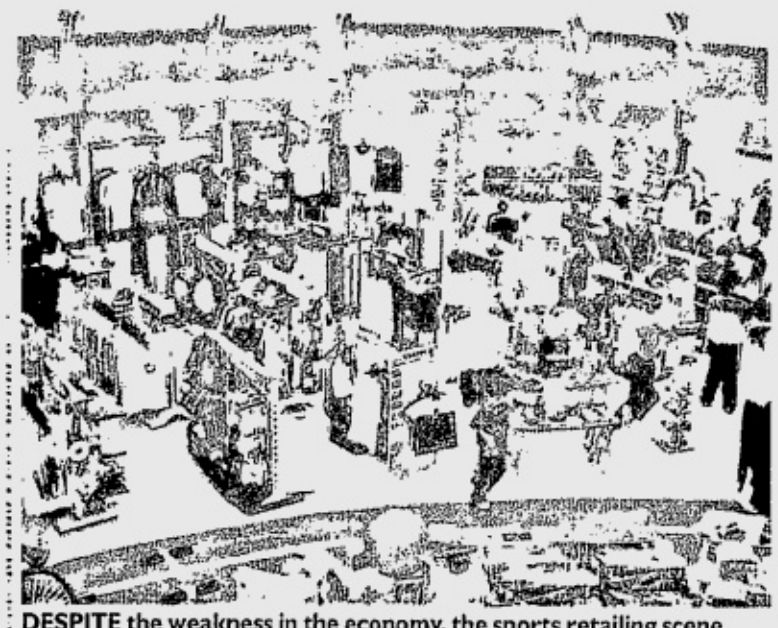
1. Provide the BIR with the list of the names, residence addresses, stall number/slot in the privilege store outlet, location site of the privilege store outlet, individual Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of persons/entities participating in the event and the specific dates and duration when operations would start. Participating sellers-retailers with regular or permanent places of business and already registered with the BIR should also submit also a copy of its COR to the exhibitor.

2. Demand from the operator presentation of its TIN and proof of payment of actual withholding tax due on its income payment, or of advance percentage tax due for payment prior to the actual operation of the privilege-store or prior to the start of the month to which the advance tax payment shall be applied.

With the requirement from the operator for the presentation of the requisite TIN and proof of advance payment of percentage taxes before they are allowed to exhibit their wares in the tiangge, the BIR hopes that the collection of the percentage taxes due from privilege-store operators would be ensured.

It would be interesting to see whether, with all these advance taxes even before an initial sale is made, my favorite *manang tindera* would be a lot more difficult to haggle with. Even then, I can at least take comfort that next time my snooty brand-conscious friend scolds me for my imitation jeans, I could simply assure her that not only did I still get the jeans at a third of the price of the original, but my fancy Alvin Klein's is also tax-paid.

Marrying sports . . . Create the look that will make a customer buy



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www.tobys.com, where they can check the specifications and reviews of the newest gear to help buyers pick out the right equipment for their preferred sport.

Toby's carries the widest selection of sports gear under one roof with more than 60,000 items from more than 100 of the world's best brands such as Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Prince, Speedo, And 1, K-Swiss, Yonex, Dunlop, and Fila.

Claudio says that contrary to what they originally thought, the Toby's Sports Arena did not cannibalize sales of the usual Toby's sports stores that were located in the same mall.

"The old stores perhaps catered to those who are really into the performance sports, while the Sports Arena attracted the younger crowd who were looking for action, who wanted more gimmicks," Claudio says.

Toby's has about 27 stores nationwide. It started 25 years ago as a little pro shop in Greenhills.

"This concept is really something that Filipinos can be proud of because I think the Philippines is the only one that has something like it right now, I believe it raises the bar for sports retailing and franchising," Claudio says.

The Toby's Sports Arena concept is open to franchise operators. The area must be at least 250 square meters and enough ceiling for interactive sports such as the Shootout and The Rock. The Toby's pro shop, on the other hand, stands on an average of 150 and 200 square meters.

"Despite the weakness in the economy, we have still seen significant growth in the sports retailing scene because the market has widened and the interplay between fashion and sports has increased," Claudio says.

Another contributing factor was that Filipinos are becoming more conscious about their health.

"This explains why we are seeing sales not just from the shoes, but also such equipment as exercise balls, yoga mats and dumbbells," Claudio says.

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your goods. Through the decades, retailers have been conditioned to display their goods in rectangular display cases, "the shape of your typical *escaparate*," says Berenguer-Asuncion. But why confine yourself to boxes when other shapes can serve as better backdrop for your products?

At EO Active Eyewear at the Glorietta in Makati which she designed, for instance, the rectangle takes a back seat to other shapes. Some of the display cases take the outline of fins—to project movement and dynamism, conditions that EO Active Eyewear can easily withstand. A rectangular display case in glass is incorporated into a floor-to-ceiling cylinder while another display case is no display case, at all. It is in fact a simulated wall for rock-climbing from which are hung shades that protect the eyes from glare.

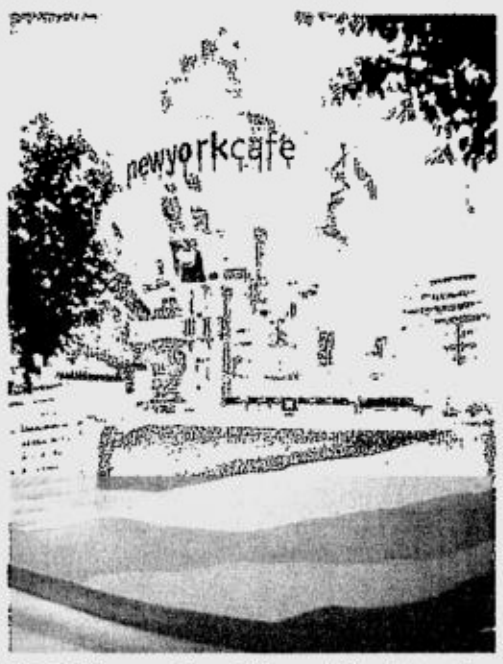
Among the most dynamic of Berenguer-Asuncion's retail designs, nevertheless, is a drinks station in an Ayala Avenue food court. From the top, the New York Café at the GT Tower, as it is called, is oval. The sides of the oval bar recall the look of swirling cola, the perfect complement to the drink station's crown of a swirling frozen frappe. Easily discernible from a distance, the New York Café's design combines excitement, fun as well as function.

4. Colors communicate what the store is all about. Walnut, brown and champagne, Berenguer-Asuncion's scheme for Parklane, a high-end jewelry store at the Ayala Center, effortlessly communicate timeless elegance while pastels are associated with youthfulness. She adds that neutrals like khaki and grey are usually preferred by a higher-end clientele while a melange of colors appeal to a broader market. For the new Aura Athletica store specializing in yoga and lounge wear and opening soon at Rockwell Center, Berenguer-Asuncion focused on white and grey paired with luminescent stands lit from the inside to simulate an other-world ambience. She also opted for clean lines to allow the merchandise to take centerstage."I wanted a look that seemed ethereal," she says of Aura Athletica.

5. Show your true colors. Go for a mix of white and yellow light, halogen and indirect lighting. According to Berenguer-Asuncion, white light alone or yellow light alone will not allow the customer to see the true colors or textures of goods and fabrics. But a combination will. Moreover, strong halogen lamps alone will cast shadows. Thus, these have to be complemented by indirect lighting. "Lighting is almost everything," she observes. "Thus, great attention must be paid to it."

6. Allow the layout to flow. A good store layout begins with an unobstructed front. Berenguer-Asuncion explains that putting tall objects in front of the store will tend to stop the eye and create the illusion of crampness. Thus, tall objects should be placed at the back of the shop so they are able to draw in the shopper's attention.

Moreover, the layout should allow the shopper to meander through the displays without hitting a dead end. "While looking through a shop's displays, a shopper should never hit a wall and have no other option but to backtrack and retrace his steps," she says. An effective layout flows effortlessly from one space to the next and hopefully keeps the shopper going from one set of goods to the next until one object finally transforms him into a paying customer—the best proof of effective store design and visual merchandising.



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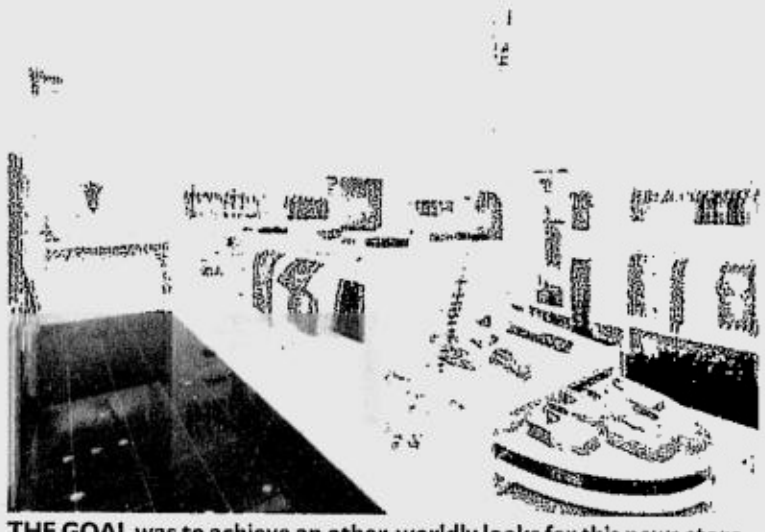

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World enough and time

THE COCOON Chronograph, set with semiprecious stones, is a reasonable choice for successful young women looking to buy their first jewelry watch.

Façonnable takes on the luxury world with watches that combine design edge and acute stone cutting

By Cheche V. Moral

WHAT do you do if you want to create luxurious timepieces but have no watchmaking tradition of at least a hundred years behind you? Why, create your own unique and exclusive niche, of course!

Façonnable (pronounced *fasonáb*), the French fashion and luxury house, has succeeded in carving a place in the watch market by banking not on tradition but on a design-driven approach.

"Design and stone settings are our main points," said Michel Benatar, general manager of Façonnable Timepieces. "Function for us is just to show time."

Well-heeled women who are in search of a more fashion-driven addition to their collection of big-brand watches may find what they're looking for in Façonnable. Espousing a happy and aggressive philosophy, Façonnable churns out jewelry watches that meld precious stones and cutting-edge styles.

"Our market niche is called 'marginal luxury,'" Benatar explained. "We are close to the big brands without directly competing with them." At $650 to $4,000 apiece, Façonnable watches are priced a lot lower than other name brands, and "our designs are very different. We're crazier, but in the right way. We're more inventive and less conservative."

Benatar, who handles international distribution, is also in charge of the designs. He was in town recently upon the invitation of Lucerne, the local distributor.

Himself a former jeweler and jewelry store owner before joining Façonnable, Benatar is putting to good use his many years of experience as a watch designer and retailer. "You cannot create and distribute watches to different networks without knowing the consumer's and retailer's expectations," he said. "As a jeweler, you must know how a certain watch has to be presented in order to seduce the consumer without

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DIAMOND Hands Oval is, in fact, a misnomer as the jeweled hands and buckle are set with sapphires. Another comes with rubies.

MICHEL Benatar, Façonnable Timepieces GM, will strengthen the brand's presence in the region with distributions in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. It is distributed locally by Lucerne, with branches at Glorietta 4 and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

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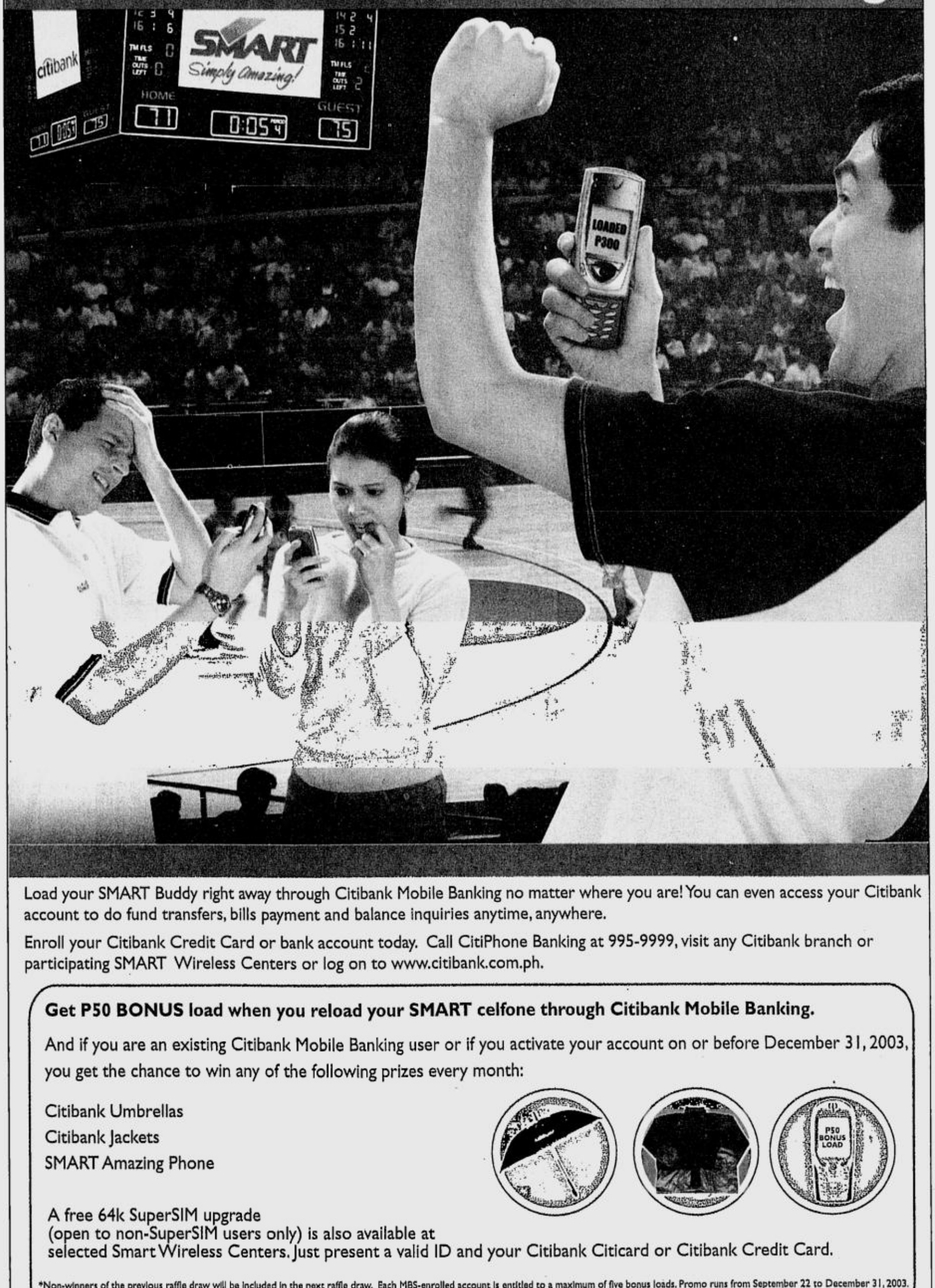

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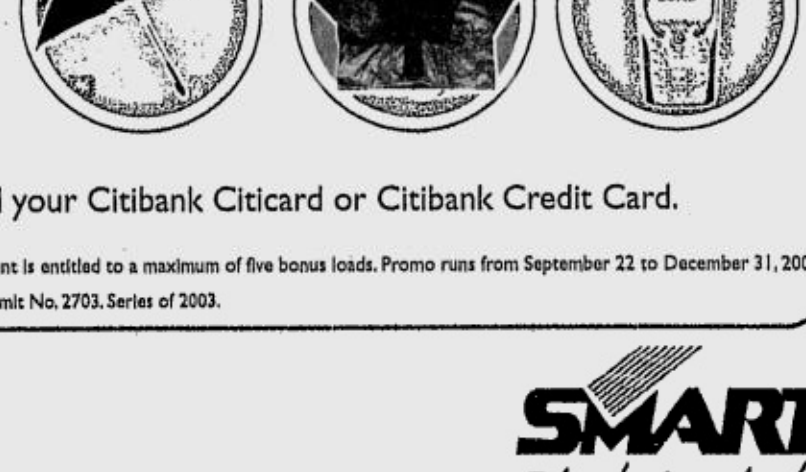

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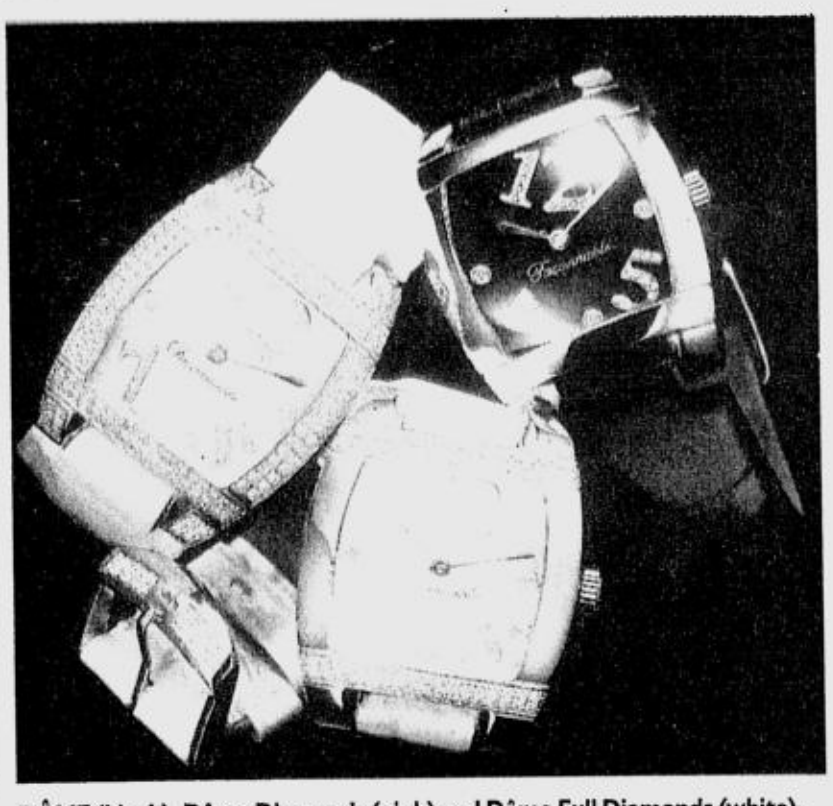
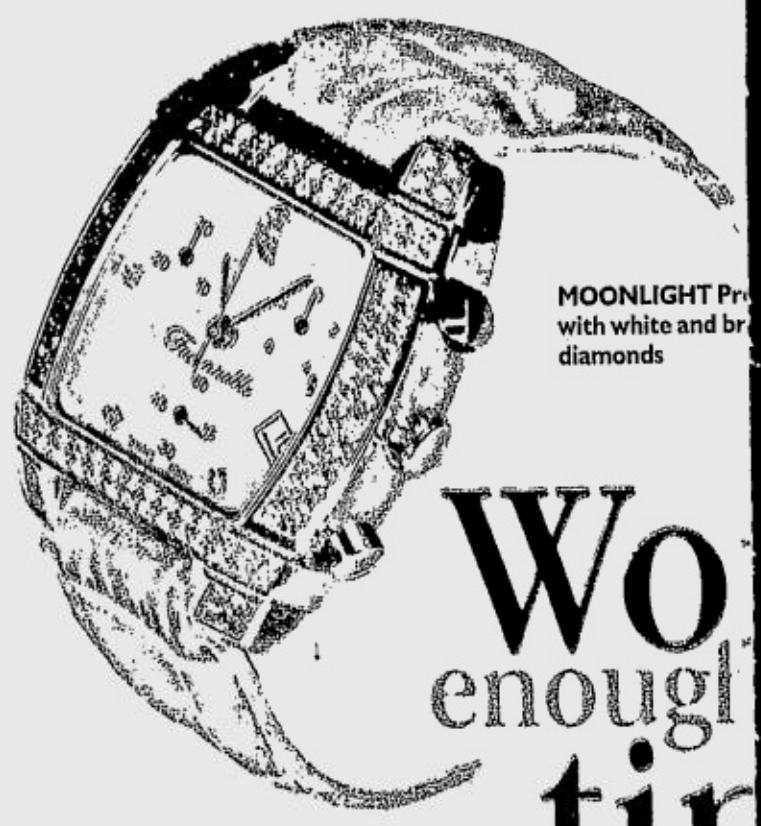
DIAMOND Hands shown with interchangeable straps: lizard leather, steel and satin



DÔME (black), Dôme Diamonds (pink) and Dôme Full Diamonds (white). The latter, set with 266 cut diamonds, is one of the most expensive models.



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'Liberation'

Consumer tastes have changed tremendously in the past 20 years, he said. And for a designer like him, the past five years have been a "total liberation. It's been totally wild. You can go any direction, any shape. It's gorgeous. [Now] you can dare."

In the past, he added, buyers looked for the security of a name brand and the social recognition that came with it. "Now, social recognition is not just from the name but also the design. It's [still] classy but a little shocking."

Benatar has broken borders for his watch designs. With him at the helm, Façonnable was first to set diamonds on the watch's hands—a remarkable feat not just in design but also in construction. The Swiss-made ETA movement was modified for this purpose alone.

Benatar also took pride in Façonnable's ability to set precious stones on stainless steel. "Sapphires and rubies are not as hard as diamonds, and steel is so much harder than gold, so they're difficult to do."

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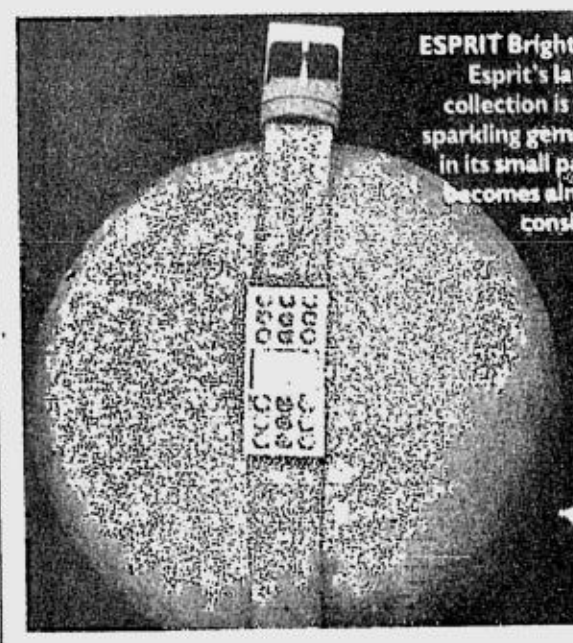

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MOONLIGHT Precious with white diamonds and pink baguette sapphires

N 2 Hands, with five black s, is one of the most affordable ariations are set with blue trine or garnet.

To delight fashionistas, most of Façonnable watches also have a patented system that allows for interchangeable straps without the use of tools. The straps are eye candies in themselves—from the regular steel to the multihued lizard leather and satin—but the real deal is the colored gemstones: white, black and brown diamonds, blue and red sapphires, and rubies.

This year, the brand has also taken into account women in their late 20s to early 30s who are looking to buy their first jewelry watch. It launched the Cocoon line, with warmer, earth-colored straps. Cocoon is set with semiprecious stones like citrine, garnet, topaz. Retailing at less than $1,000 apiece, the line has met success, said Benatar.

The basic heart of the Façonnable line fetches from $650-$1,500. Those selling for up to $4,000 are more sophisticated designs—like the Dôme, the Diamond Hands, the Moonlight Precious—bearing up to 266 cut diamonds, some weighing up to 2.75 karats each. All watches have mother of pearl dials; most buckles are also set with stones.

Benatar takes pride in Façonnable's ability to maintain a reasonable price point. "I chase every single dollar," he explained. "I was a jeweler, distributor and manufacturer, so I know the price of each component. We have the best supply chain; I know where to find the best quality with the best price point."

The brand, he said, is doing well in Europe, United States and the Middle East. At the moment, it is available in only three Asian countries, including the Philippines. He was impressed that sales have been good here after only a year. It may take a couple more years, however, before the men's line is brought locally. "We have to get the brand settled here first," he said.

More innovations will come from Façonnable, Benatar assured. "My drawers are full of designs. There are different ways to change the colors of straps without any tool, but we're not stopping there. We will have more parts interchangeable to give total freedom to consumers."

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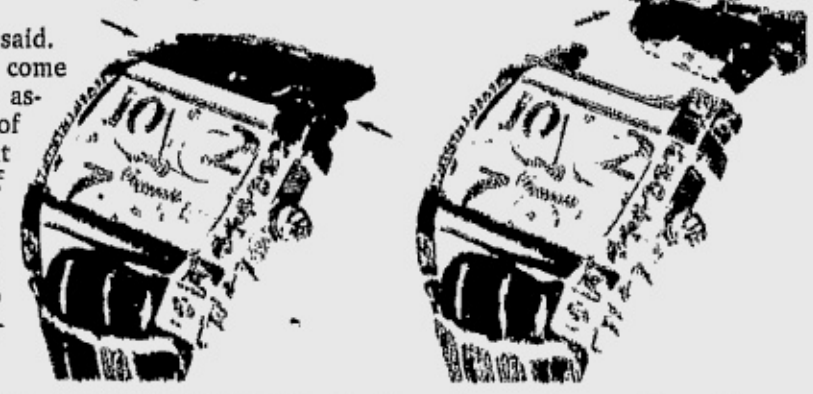

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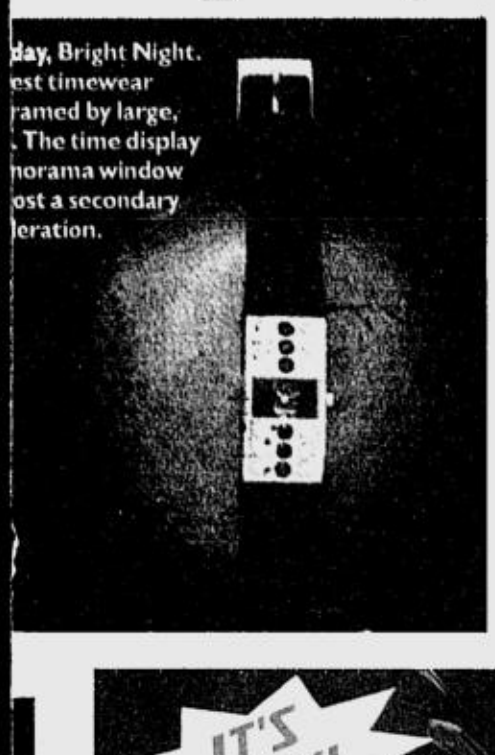

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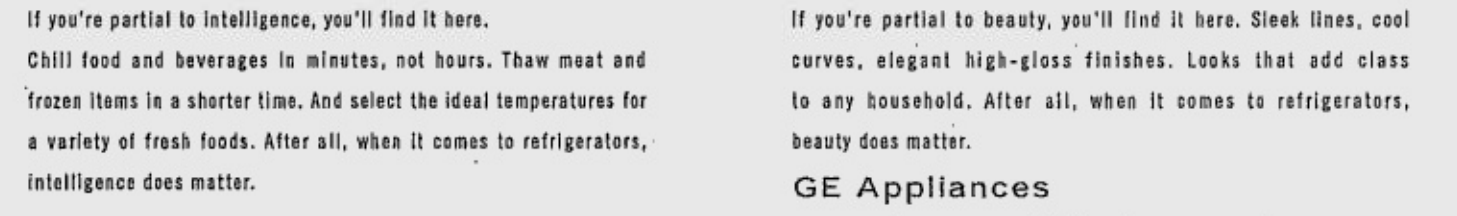

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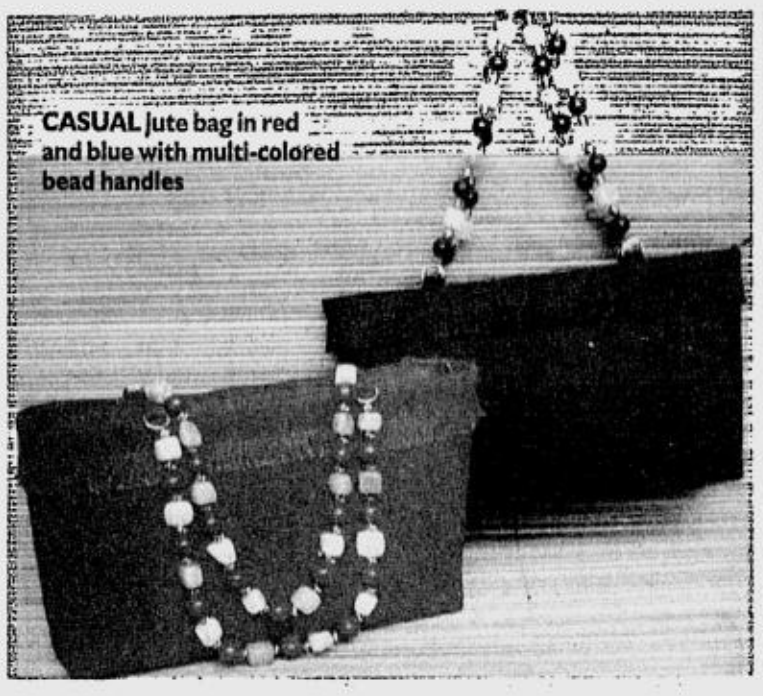

Banking on beads

By Pam Pastor

COUNTLESS people dream of giving everything up in pursuit of their passion. Few people are lucky enough to be given the opportunity to do it. Even fewer have the guts to grab that chance when it comes along.

Mia Villanueva gave up a career in banking to go back to her first love—accessories.

Now she spends her hours taking care of her bags and jewelry business and she's loving every minute of it. "It's a passion," she says.

The business isn't new to Villanueva . After graduating from the Ateneo de Manila University in the late '80s with a degree in management economics, Villanueva started a costume jewelry store in Greenbelt. The pieces were mostly imported—she had yet to dabble into design then. In 1995, the store closed and she went into corporate and investment banking. But she found no fulfillment there.

"It really started as stress management," Villanueva says. Knowing her appreciation for accessories, her husband brought home a bead-making set for her one day. "He said to me, 'Why don't you do it? You can make your own.'"

This was late last year. At first, her creations were just for herself and her friends. It was only in April of this year that she started selling her designs. She started with necklaces and began her bag line when she realized how stiff competition was.

Not long after discovering her flair for designing jewelry and bags, Villanueva left her job and found happiness in her art.

Because of strong word of mouth, orders were soon coming in from friends and friends of friends. While a lot of her clients buy the pieces for their own use, others purchase them as *pasalubong* for relatives abroad.

"I know a lot of people do this, but I think everyone has their own look. Other people like crystals, others are more ethnic, others are really ornate," she says. "I'm somewhere in the middle. I like earthy materials, I use semi-precious stones, crystals, wood, bone, resin. I love mother of pearl. I mix crystals with stones and shells. I want to achieve different textures, colors, materials and bring them together."

Her latest creations include the beaded wrist bag—a *buntal* clutch with a beaded loop made of freshwater pearls and crystals. The idea is to wear the loop around your wrist while holding the bag in your palm. This not only makes carrying your clutch around cocktail parties and bars easier, it also gives the illusion that you are wearing a bracelet. The bag comes in various colors.

She also designed a clutch (which comes in shantung or denim) with beaded handles that you can remove and replace with fabric ones if you wish to make the bag simpler. Some clients like mixing and matching the handles to create different looks. This bag, which is one of her bestsellers, comes in a rainbow of colors.

This designer likes dressing up her bags with beaded trims. She is proud of her new necklaces as well—the choker or fully beaded chandelier necklaces in carnelian,

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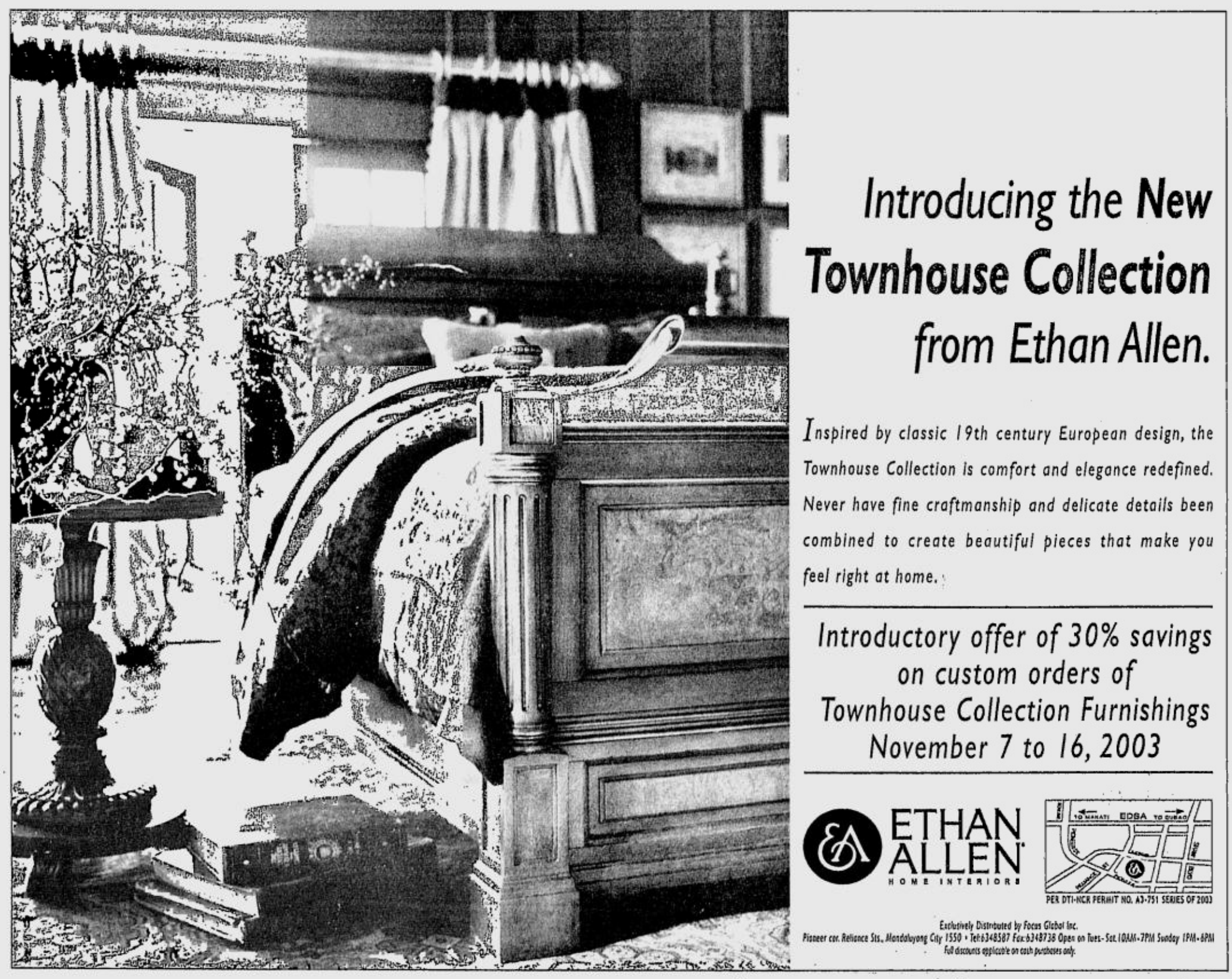
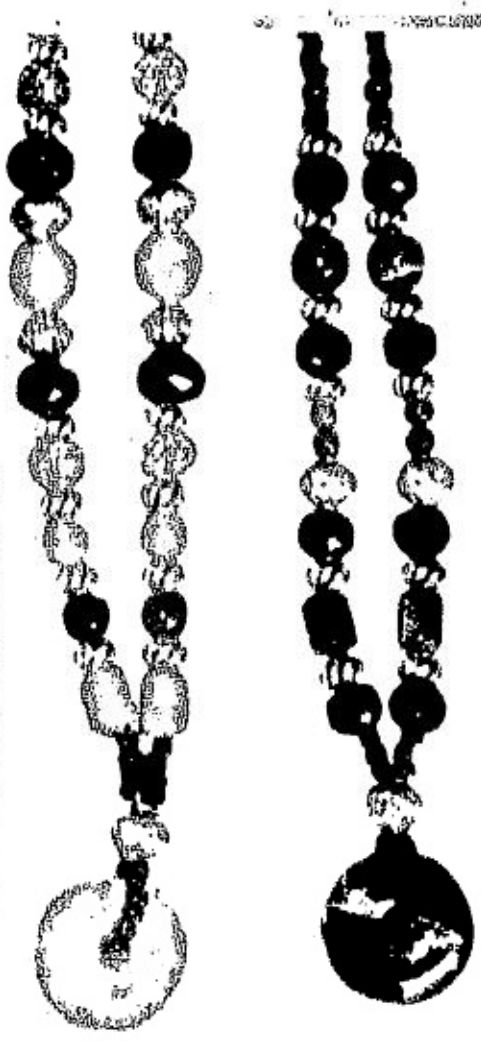
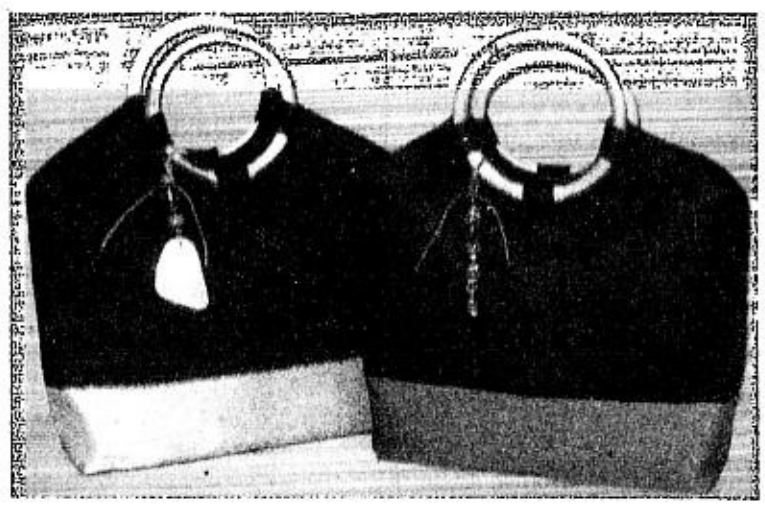


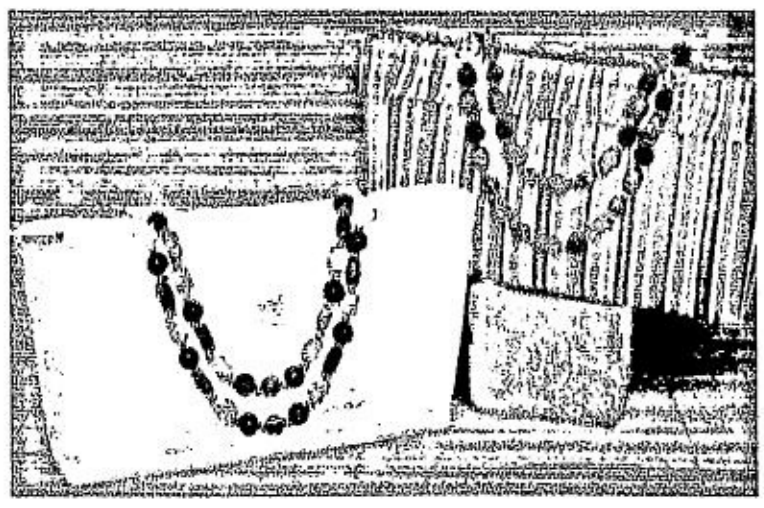


YELLOW jade donut pendant with yellow jade, agate and crystals (left) and tiger's eye donut pendant with tiger's eye beads and crystals (P950). Also available in rose quartz, lapiz lazuli and coral

"IT'S really therapy; it's really relaxing," Mia Villanueva says of her hobby-cum-business.



DENIM bags with shantung silk bamboo handle and dangling bead trim (P1,200)



CASUAL jute bag with semiprecious stones and wood beads (agate and yellow jade)

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rose quartz, onyx and garnet and the freshwater coin pearl creations with onyx and carnelian.

Villanueva welcomes individual orders. She enjoys getting input from her clients. "I'm at a stage where it's still a business-slash-hobby. I'm not really stressing over it," she says.

Lot of good

Above being a business and a hobby, Villanueva has discovered that designing has done her a lot of good. "People tell me, 'I've never seen you so relaxed and happy.' It's really therapy, it's really relaxing."

Villanueva works best at night, between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m., after her husband and her children, who are 7 and 13 years old, have gone to bed.

She is proud of the fact that every piece is an original. And she pegs her works at affordable prices. "It's costume jewelry, you're supposed to be able to change it every day," she says. "It shouldn't be too expensive."

Her chokers go for P550, the lariat for P950 and necklaces for P950. The bags range from P750 to P1,650.

If there's another unique thing about Villanueva and her designs, it's the way she sells them. She likes hosting lunches for small groups at her home or taking food and her pieces to somebody else's gig—an update of the Tupperware parties of the '80s.

"I discovered that the younger people prefer to have drinks," she said. "I do that, too. Happy hour, girls' night. It's fun."

She believes the lunches create a comfortable setting for accessories shopping. "Choosing really takes time," she said. "You really have to try everything to know what fits you. If you're all cousins or sisters or high school friends and you're in a house setting, you'd be more comfortable. They can help you choose. You can ask them what's right for you. There's no pressure. I'm not a pressure person."

She also participates in bazaars sometimes, but prefers lunches.

"When it comes to accessories, there are two types of people—super accessory or super conservative. Some people are color-scared. Even if you just like wearing black tops, accessories are a good way to dress up."

Villanueva will hold a Christmas open house on Nov. 14 and 15. Call 0917-5289016 or e-mail mia_villanueva@hotmail.com

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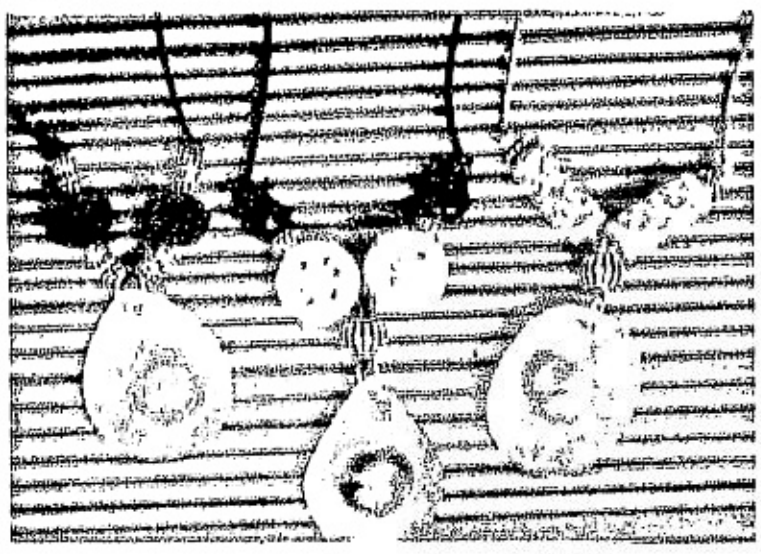
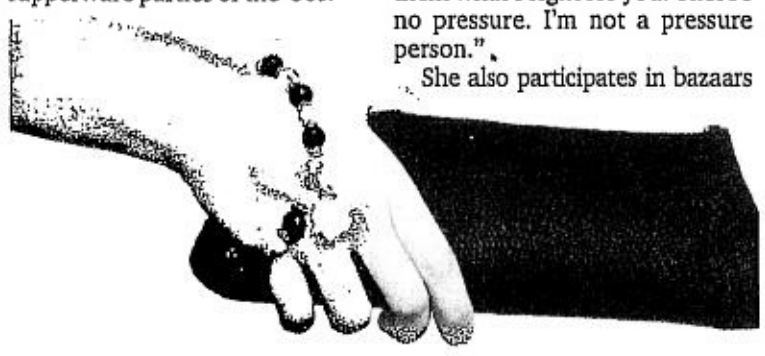
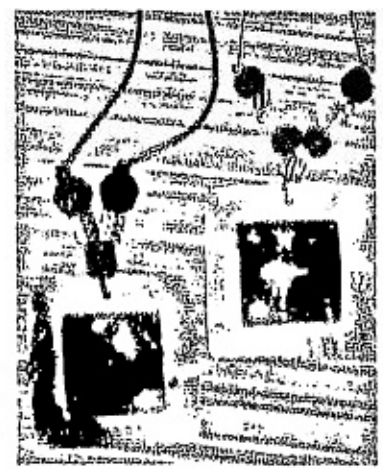


MOTHER of pearl choker with bone and crystals (P550)



BEADED wrist bag—a *buntal* clutch with a beaded loop made of freshwater pearls and crystals that can be worn as a bracelet



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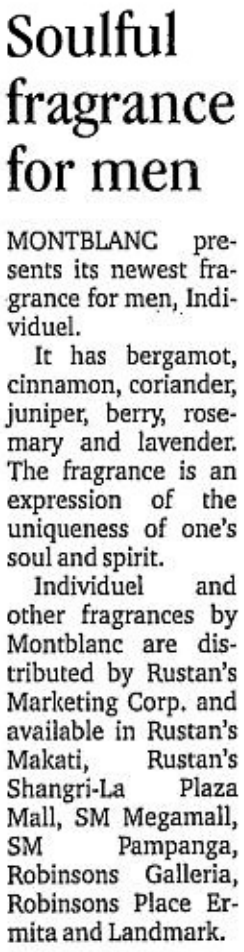

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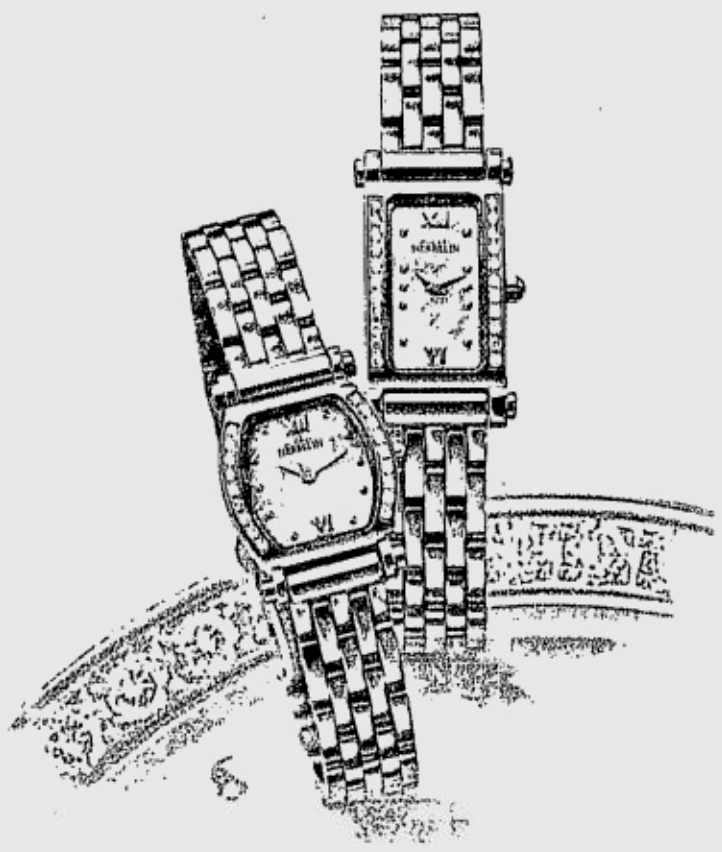

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Are you near a university where you can take up special courses to hone your writing skills? Better enroll there before your boss decides to replace you.

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If you are far from DLSU, check with other schools about special courses that can help you do better at work.

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Short-term grammar courses can help students bridge the gap between knowing grammatical structures and using them correctly

Bothered about the after-life

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Yes, many who are called to the Great Beyond have to stay in purgatory to atone for their sins. I suggest that you buy the booklet "How to Avoid Purgatory" written by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, OP. It is available at the Monfort Foundation Inc., PO Box 220, Greenhills, Metro Manila. The booklet costs only P10 but you have to add another P10 if you want it mailed to you.

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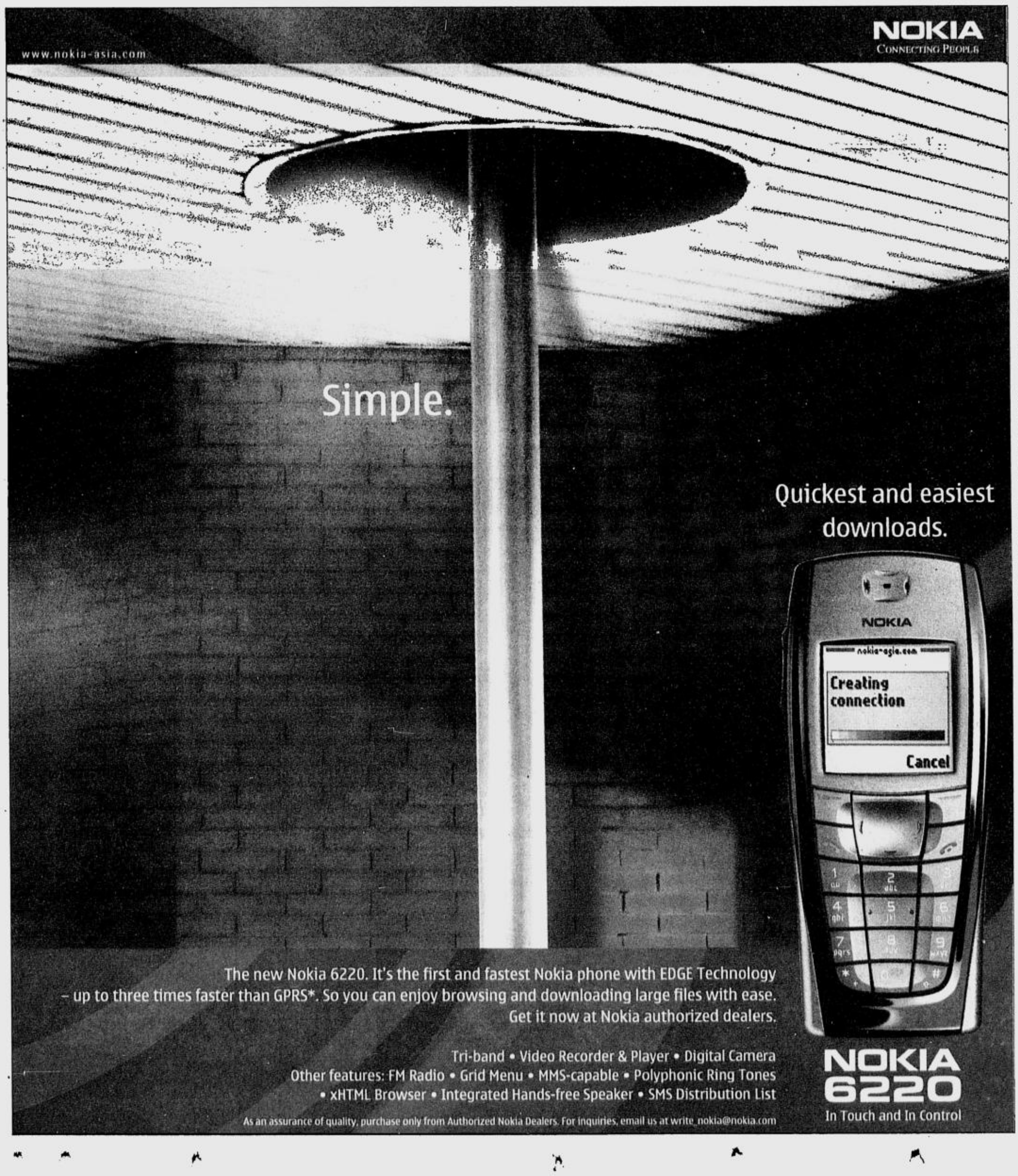

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2 salon reviews for bad hair days

MAKEOVER 911

Kinny Salas

THIS is one of my rare hair articles where I review a beauty salon/stylist. I wanted to test more than one so I split cut and color. I visited one of my earlier stylists and scouted for a new one for color.

The cut: Eddie Magadia of Privé Salon, 29/F Fraser Place, Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati (tel. 8151857/6920)

Perfectly squared manicure and pedicure: Juanits

Salon known for: a most elegant ambience and Geoff Simpson's customized hair color.

A girl doesn't forget her first prestigious haircut. I just realized that last month when I marked my sixth year as an INQUIRER beauty columnist by being reunited with the very first person to cut my hair for a column—Eddie Magadia.

I went to him to correct my ultra-layered F4-inspired hair which, I realized too late, wasn't me. I asked that the cut must be wash-and-wear and still long enough to tie back.

Eddie didn't have a lot to work with, but he gave me what I wanted: Less layered, more body and just fell into place.

As always, it flattered my face shape and highlighted my facial features while camouflaging my worst.

I will definitely keep in touch with Eddie. The man can visualize the haircut for you as you walk through the door. He wants to ensure the customer's happiness. He asks what you want and will work at a compromise.

Ryan rah-rah

The color: Ryan Pugliatty of Hairbytes Salon, lower level Shangri-La Plaza Mall (tel. 6310017 or 6357379)

Day off: Thursday

Manicure/pedicure wonder: Myla

Hot-oil massage wonder kid: Robin. He can knock out the biggest tension ball on your shoulders and back.

Perhaps it's Ryan's Italian and Filipino heritage that accounts for his innate sense of style and artistic flair (at 24, he is the youngest creative director I have met). He came very highly recommended and his work was very much raved about in the L'Oreal Fall/Winter 2003 hair color catalog where the motifs were mauve and khaki.

I thought I had experienced everything there was about color and nothing would surprise me anymore. Well, Ryan surprised me with his different color combinations without meddling with my haircut.

I saw the instant brightening of my face on the base color alone and when he added highlights it just blew me away. He wove in "secret highlights" and when my hair was parted normally, I looked conservative enough for office. But when I flipped parts and messed it up, the golden streaks appeared, which were perfect for party-studded evenings.

He used his famous catalog mauve/khaki colors (as seen on photo) but he added more streaks with my consent.

How did I know it was right for me and not overkill? It flattered my bare, unmade face instead of washing it out. Note: If you become makeup-dependent in your new color, it is not right for you. Unless, of course, you have fun playing around with makeup, then anything goes for you!

Recommended shampoos for colored hair: Please note that it takes 14 days for hair color to set. Your initial color when you step out of the salon won't be it. It will go lighter still. The wrong shampoo during this crucial time period will mess up your hair big time, making the color fade and look brassy, cheap and damaged. I recommend two shampoos for the 14 days to maximize your color potential—L'Oreal Professionnel Power Care Color Shampoo and Phytologie Phytocidre shampoo. You may use these even after the prescribed time but oily-haired gals should switch back to their original shampoo to help stop the greasies.

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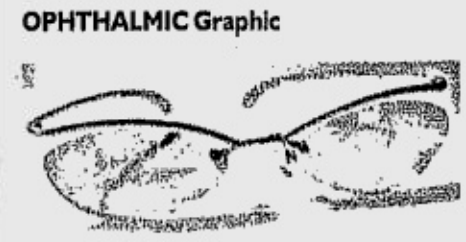

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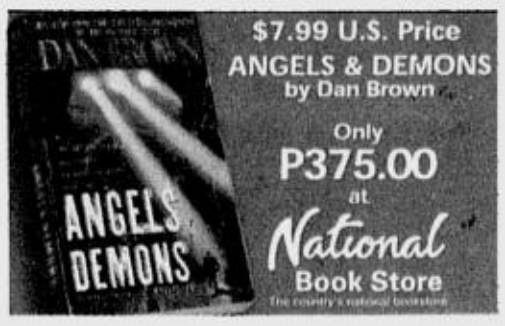

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MANILA'S perfumed denizens braved traffic, lax security and the possibility of hobnobbing with the hoi polloi just to be there when Metro magazine staged "Metro Wear" at ABS-CBN's Studio 10 recently.

The fashion show featured the summer forecast of 24 designers from the Fashion and Design Council of the Philippines (FDCP).

Thelma Sioson San Juan, editor in chief of Metro and general manager of ABS-CBN Publishing, was on tenterhooks even before waiters uncorked the first bottle of wine.

It was the first time, she said, that such a show, directed by Ariel Lozada would be staged within the studio's high-tech (read: expensive equipment) premises.

Security was decidedly lax (how could one frisk the city's fashionistas?), and organizers, which included Pond's Prevent and Correct, apparently found it hard to stage a supposedly chi-chi fashion event in a television station known for its *"masa"* entertainment.

"The network is used to opening its studios to a select audience," said San Juan, referring to the masses which flock to see their favorite stars for free, "not to a party like this."

San Juan's headache would have been compounded had organizers flown in foreign journalists to cover the event. But budget constraints discouraged that.

Such is San Juan's faith in the Filipino designer's creativity that she and former FDCP president Lulu Tan-Gan organized the event (as early as two years ago, it is said). She's confident that even without the foreign press, news of the fashion spectacle will trickle down to other countries.

"Filipino designers are still among the best, if not the best, in the region," she said. "But

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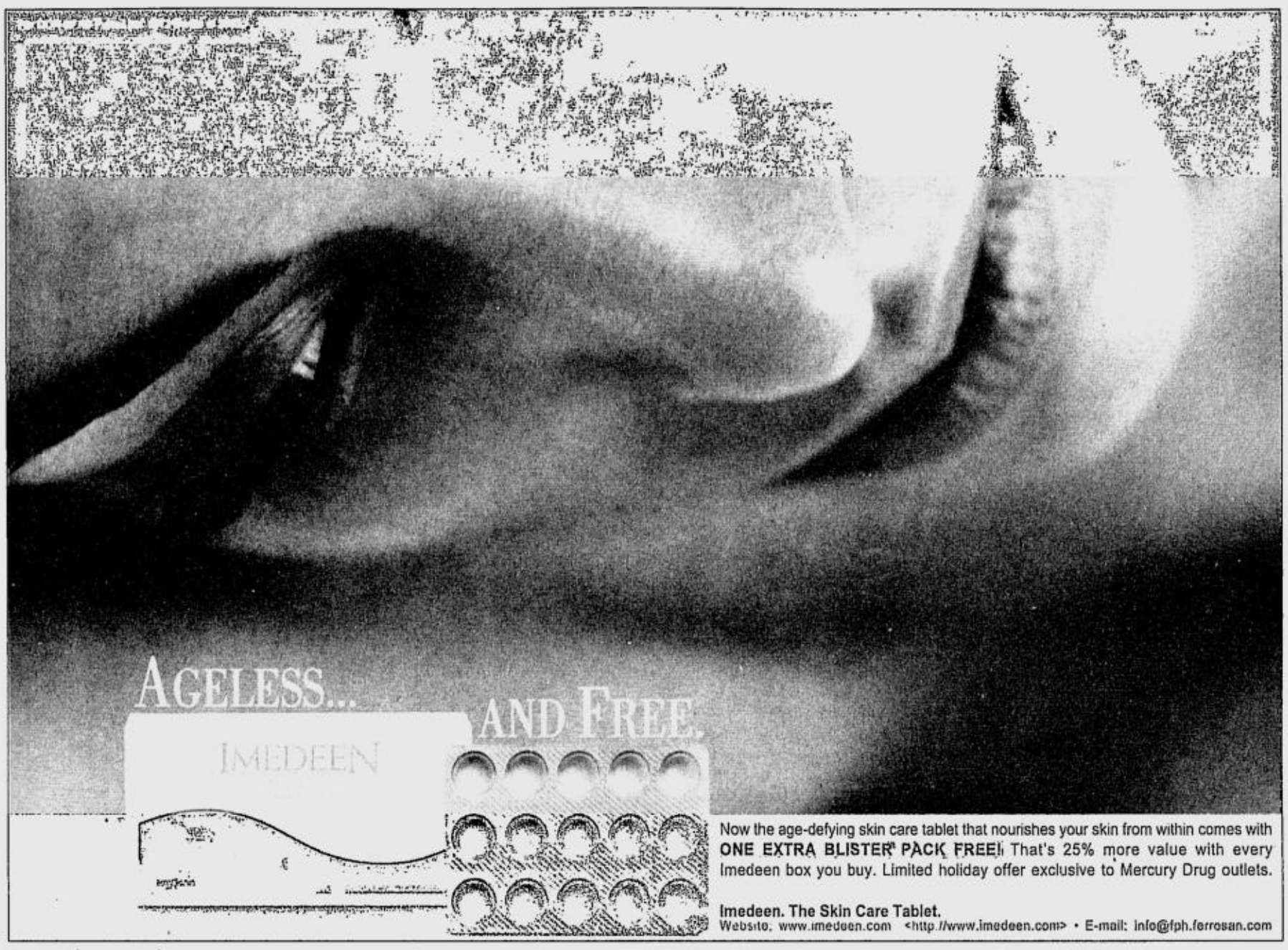

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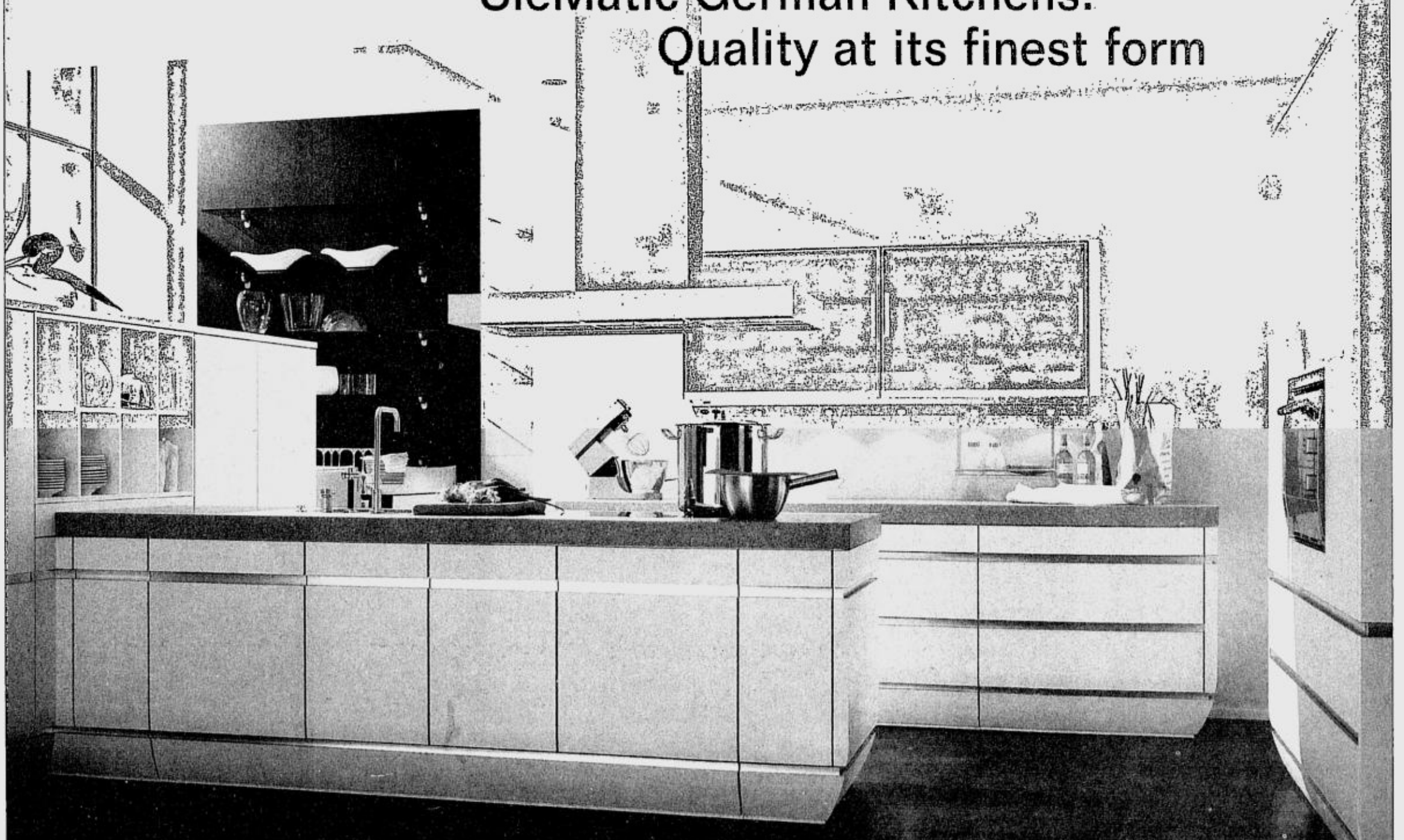

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OJ HOFER'S denim corset for the brave and daring

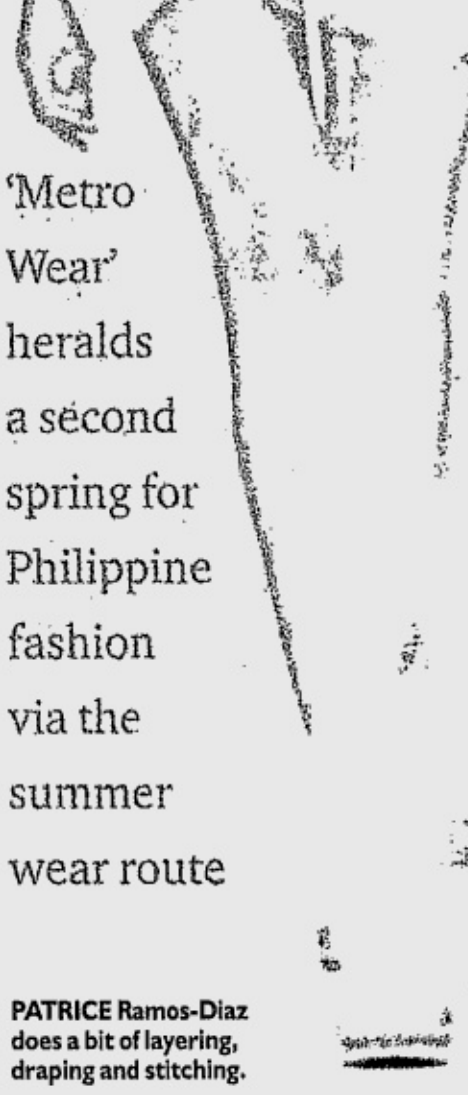
RAMOS-DIAZ plays with prints and solids in delicious shades.

JESUS Lloren's "sporty" collection is made of loose, non-stretch fabric that's cut on the bias.

VITTORIO pays close attention to details to produce an eye-catching piece made of different materials.

Stylish stabs at summer

'Metro Wear' heralds a second spring for Philippine fashion via the summer wear route



PATRICE Ramos-Diaz does a bit of layering, draping and stitching.

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despite a global sense of aesthetics and marketing savvy, they're falling behind in terms of buildup. This [event] is just the start. We hope to address this in the future by coming up with an annual fashion week where buyers and journalists the world over will converge in Manila."

Aside from attesting to the group's "design caliber," San Juan vouches for its ability to think outside the box.

The designers' strengths and sensibilities are quite diverse, as mirrored in the clothes they showed—from unstructured resort wear to draped tops, semi-beaded gowns and skirts, tailored corporate wear, deconstructed men's wear, and edgy sports outfits.

Shades ranged from fruity to pastels, from powder-blues to ethereal grays, from immaculate white to dramatic black.

Designers were divided into four concepts: scandal, awakening, renewal and discovery. Each designer had free rein to come up with six clothes.

Summer, the group's supposed clarion call, was best exemplified by Dennis Lustico, Patrice Ramos-Diaz, Vittorio (aka Vic Barba), Arcy Gayatin, OJ Hofer and the indefatigable Lulu Tan-Gan.

We also spotted a few gems by Larry Espinosa, Randy Ortiz, Gerry Katigbak, Frederick Peralta, Jesus Lloren and Nono Palmos.

'Unfinished'

Lustico again married wearability with craftsmanship by coming up with what he described as "unfinished" dresses.

They were masterfully draped and twisted chiffon tops and bubble dresses that could go well with either a pencil skirt or a pair of slim pants.

One of his creations, a strapless balloon of a blouse, bounced seamlessly without losing its symmetry.

With such pieces, who'd thought that Lustico is also the designer behind U's men's line? Rustan's wide range of hip and edgy shirts

LUSTICO puts some bounce into this strapless number.

LULU Tan-Gan takes knits to the limits.

Trend-spotting at the Metro Wear fashion sho

APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

WE normally look to the West for the latest trends in fashion, but thanks to "Metro Wear," a fashion show produced by Metro magazine, local fashion enthusiasts can now take their cues from our homegrown designers.

The much-awaited trend show proved to be the perfect venue to showcase the latest design directions for summer 2004, as interpreted by the members of the Fashion Design Council of the Philippines (FDCP).

But how did the FDCP come up with these trends, anyway? Did they, like us, gather inspiration from their Western counterparts?

ARCY Gayatin
CHITO VECINA

Says FDCP president Randy Ortiz, a team of their designers were assigned to do a study and compilation of the latest fashion trends targeting both the local and global markets. Although most of their research materials were culled from the international fashion scene, the design and execution of each of their members spelled the difference.

Just as the designers used the latest trends to express individual style statements, it will serve us well to remember that we must also adapt these trends to suit our age, body types, personalities and preferences.

So, without further ado, here are some of the trends for summer 2004 as dictated by the FDCP:

Just as these designers used the latest trends to express individual styles, we must also adapt these trends to suit our unique needs

Those who are more conservative in their color choices have the option of mixing all shades of gray, various candy colors and muted pastels.

Lulu Tan Gan's knits, for example, came in an assortment of basic pieces and refreshing colors that are easy to wear and fun to mix and match.

Lady-like glam

Models traipsed down the catwalk in Vittorio's soft and pretty 1950s-inspired dresses that encapsulated the best trend for summer 2004.

Inspired by "Rock and Roll Sur les Quais de Paris," a photograph that shows full-skirted images of teenagers dancing by the Seine during the 1950s, Vittorio created flirty light blue-and-white confections through a modern and imaginative mix of various fabrics like duchesse satin and denim, cotton lycra and chiffon and even basketball jersey.

Sportswear redux

Sportswear-inspired clothing has been in fashion for several seasons now, and yet, the look is as strong and popular as ever.

Hooded jackets, sweat pants, cheerleader-like miniskirts and the like were jazzed up with the use of luxurious fabrics like satin. Jojie Lloren's bright red versions were simple, well cut and cleverly accentuated with sporty bright-yellow ribbed knit strips.

DENNIS Lustico
PHOTOS: ROMY HOMILLADA

Pleats, please

Pleats are a major trend for next summer as confirmed by Randy Ortiz's clean, modern but feminine and glammed-up electric-pleated summer dresses.

The deceptively simple but nonetheless striking powder-blue creations came in various shapes and lengths and followed the body's curves without hugging it. They were accentuated with periwinkle, i powder-blue petal-shaped fabrics th draped and layered in strategic place

The seasoned designer used c which he manipulated to form plea various consistencies.

Modern minis

What better time to wear the mi during the summer season, and wha place than hot, humid Manila or an countless islands that comprise the pines?

As expected, micro minis were ubiquitous during the show, but none were as tongue-in-cheek as Dennis Lustico's versions.

Inspired by the look of the 1980s, Lustico crafted micro-mini dresses from soft and sexy chiffon. But instead of tight, body-hugging versions, the ingenious designer formed a different silhouette by creating whimsical bubble dresses in attractive candy colors.

Layers, drapes and tassels

The little details often spell the difference between ho-hum and extraordinary, and Gerry Katigbak's layers of paneled lace are a testament to this fact.

His gowns were elevated from the commonplace to outstanding with the clever use of antique-looking lac panels that he layered with embroi dered tulle and fabrics in different shades of gray.

Larry Espinosa's harem or Azzabache couture-inspired collection (Azzabache was a fashion retail store that was very popular in the '80s), which featured waist-deep plunging necklines, was also notable because of Espinosa's draping techniques.

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HOW low can Hofer's denim jumpsuit go?

signer's painstaking attention to details was obvious as he stitched together, for instance, strips of denim into squares that became components of a shawl.

Vittorio's 1950s-inspired electric-pleated dresses contrasted nicely with his unfinished men's jackets that were inspired, he said, by rockabilly music.

From where we sat, he was able to combine such diverse materials as cotton, denim, viscose, Lycra, jersey and even duchesse satin seamlessly. Indeed, his were fun clothes without the obvious effort.

Fun and sexy

Hofer also made dressing fun—and sexy—by making his male models wear denim corsets and sleeveless jumpsuits. Far from looking effeminate, the men in androgynous clothes ooze with virility. Was it the cut or the material or both?

Knit queen Tan-Gan, on the other hand, held on to her signature material by coming up with pieces inspired, she said, by fairies.

We got to hand it to her, though, for pushing the boundaries by constantly coming up with knit items that aren't only versatile but trendy.

Her latest collection harked back to the 1980s, with blousy tops and sweeping extensions that doubled either as sleeves or scarves. The color scheme, pale yellow to moss-green, was as light as the outfits' materials.

The designers showed a wide range of looks and inspirations which made it quite difficult for us to distill any particular trend for the coming year.

Some even came up with surprises by reinventing their lines. Lloren, for instance, veered from his trademark tailored look by coming up with red sportswear with nothing but black and yellow ribbing as accent.

"Gone are the days when Filipino designers would simply derive inspiration by opening the pages of Vogue," said San Juan. "Manila is so used to seeing collections by various designers in one voice. This time, they [designers] followed their own bent."

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happen to be one of our favorites.

Ramos-Diaz understands the woman's body too well not to trifle with it. Her collection, which she said was influenced by "slouchy pants, flouncy scarves and structured softness," was composed of a delicious mix of cotton and chiffon in cornelian, pistachio and lemon-green, colors that looked almost good enough to eat.

She resorted to a bit of layering here and some draping there to come up with a number of summer ensembles that were clean, light and wearable. Her collection exposed plenty of skin—from the models' legs to their backs and shoulders.

Gayatin also resorted to a bit of deconstruction and plenty of details to come up with wearable pieces.

She paired a loose cotton jacket with a flowing skirt, details of which were limited to one side of the hem. She also pieced together several electric-pleated panels to come up with an attractive pencil skirt.

Vittorio's penchant for poking fun at himself and the world has always been evident in his clothes.

His collection was easy on the eyes. The de-

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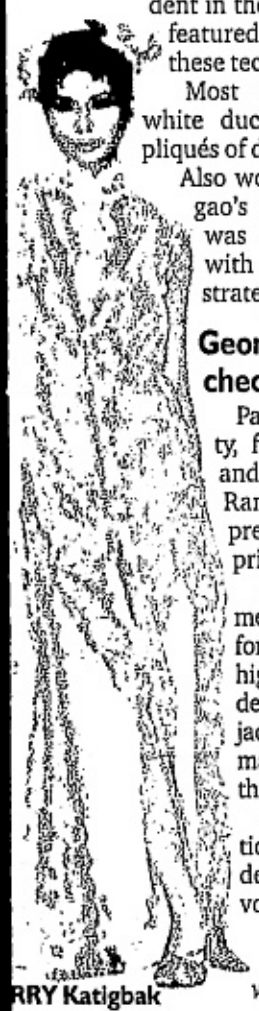
He masterfully used five yards of aqua soft silk taffeta with a combination of striped stretch tulle and draped it without any cuts.

Arcy Gayatin's draped jersey top and shift dress and Omaga-Diaz's frayed tassels were also among the many other details that stood out during the show.

Surface textures

Accents such as appliqués, gathers, ruching, beadwork and embroidery were evident in the collection, as each designer featured at least one or several of these techniques.



RRY Katigbak

Most outstanding was Vittorio's white duchesse satin dress with appliqués of denim strips.

Also worth mentioning was Alex Pigao's red see-through gown that was quite racy but embellished with feathers and beadwork in strategic places.

Geometric patterns, stripes, checks and dots

Patterns and prints were aplenty, from Gayatin's subtle stripes and floral impressions to Patrice Ramos-Diaz's sunny and pastel-pretty combination of various prints.

Gayatin's dove-gray linen summer coat lined with magenta chiffon was one of her collection's highlights. To provide accent, she de-grained portions of the linen jacket to form circles so that the magenta lining would peep through.

Gayatin's understated collection was rich in detail and was definitely one of the show favorites.

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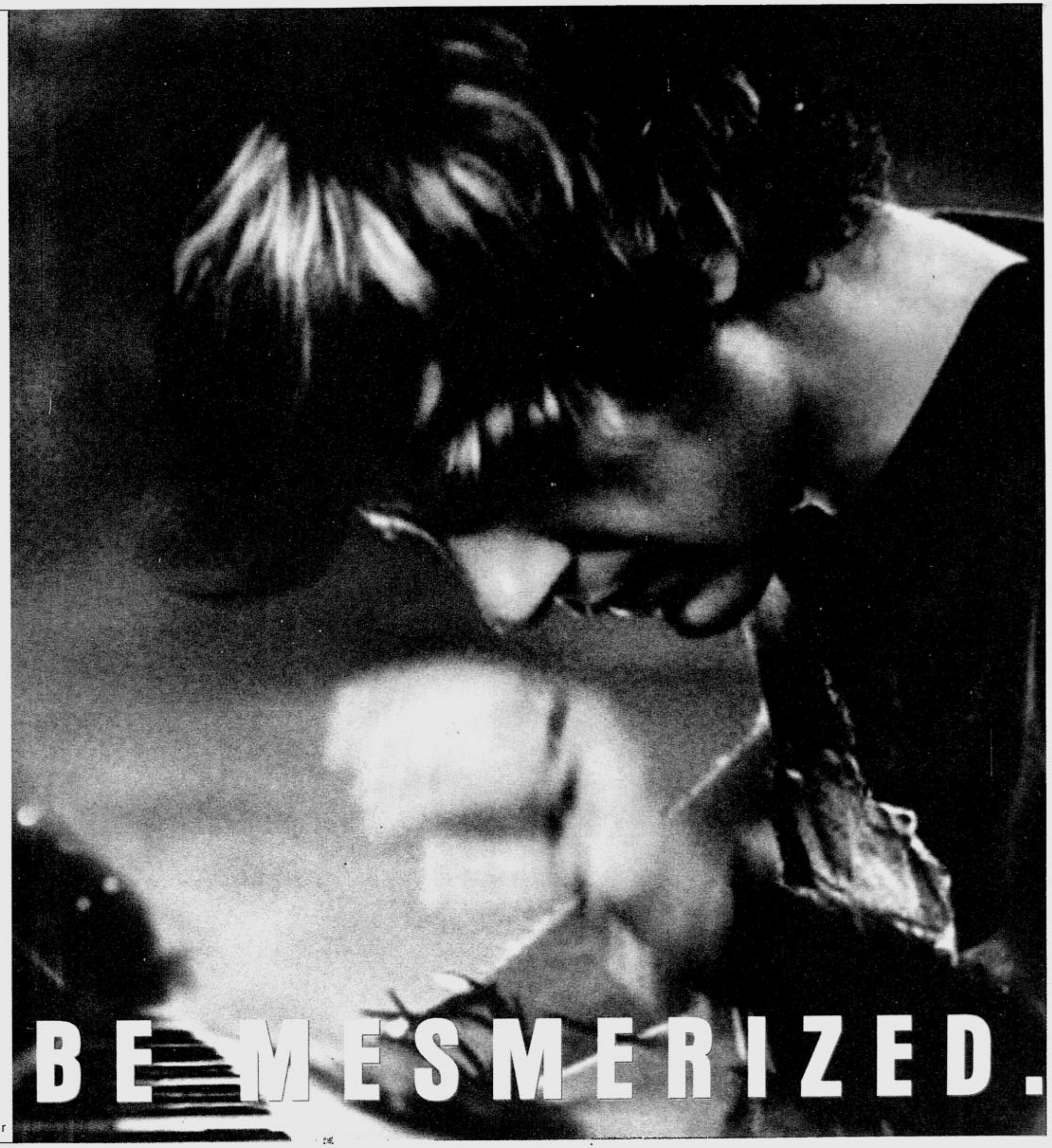

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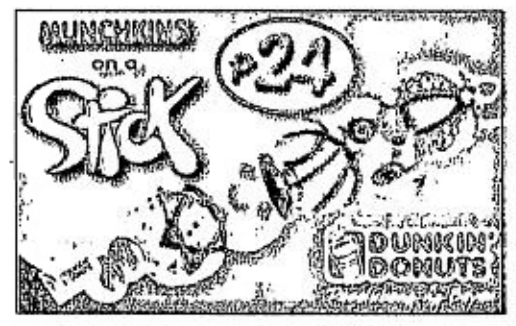

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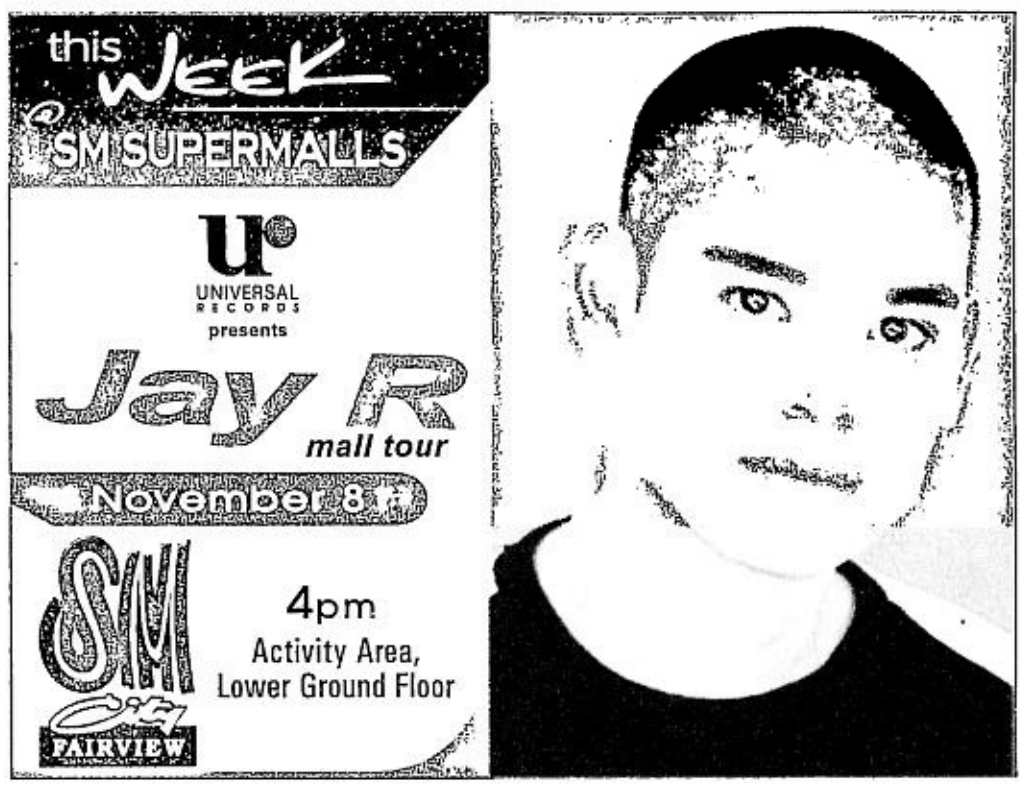

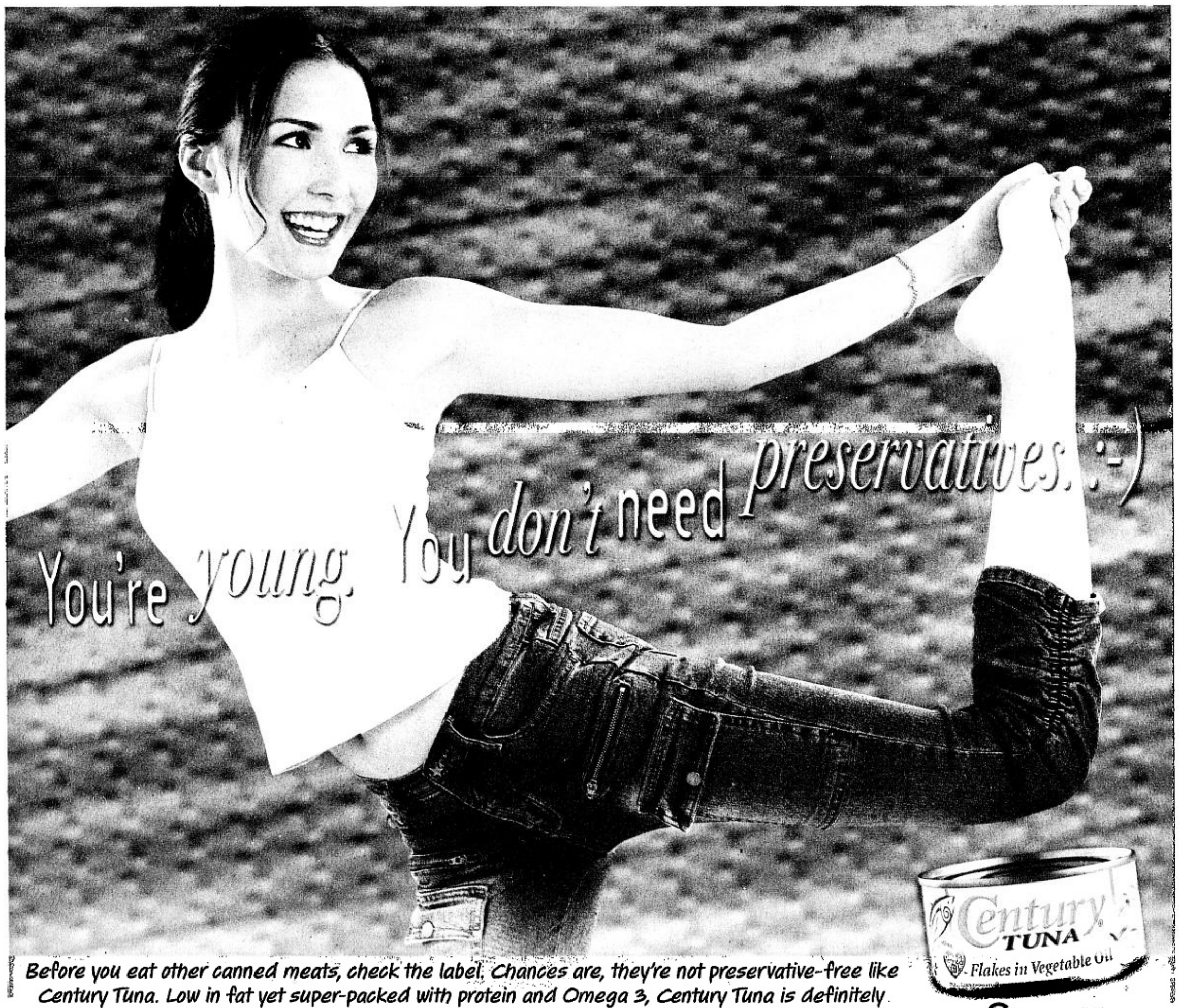

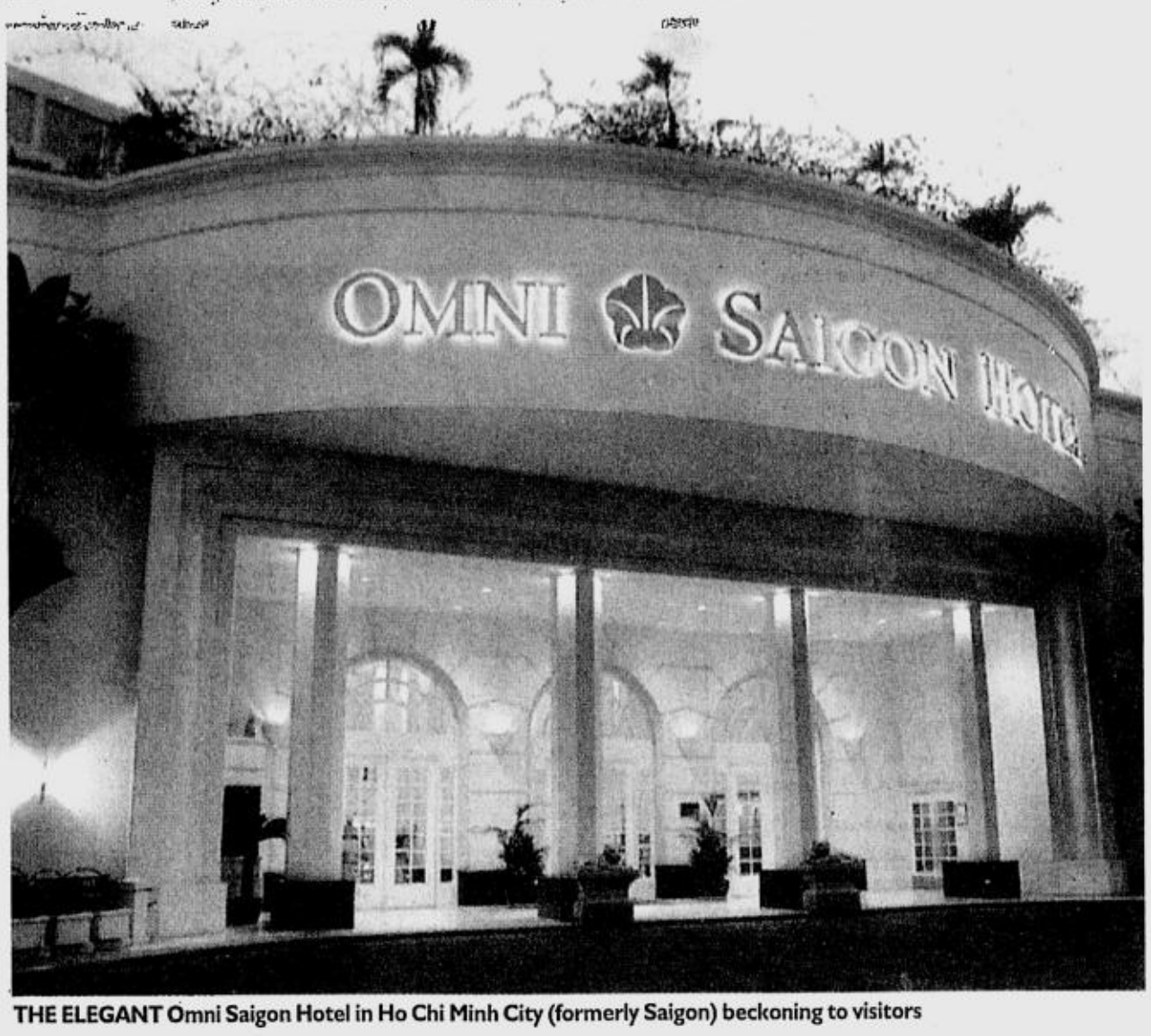

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Ho Chi Minh City gave us a glimpse of a society in transition and a nation's dynamic future

FINDING food and refreshments is no problem in Ho Chi Minh. Street vendors carry everything from cakes to salads, and especially the city's favorite soup called *pho* (upper photo).

The heat goes on in Saigon

ETHEL Timbol and *moi* at the entrance of the excellent Vietnamese restaurant Blue Ginger

THE SUPERB in-flight crew of Philippine Airlines on our flight to Vietnam

FRIENDS in black. Vivacious Joy Alberto Castro of Ark Travel Express Inc. and Pepper Teehankee

SOUTHERN lady Eloisa "Ging" Ledesma is PAL's country manager in Vietnam.

THERE are over a million motorcycles in [illegible], not to mention bicycles. If you [illegible] be run over by

SO where was I? Oh yes, our Vietnam holiday.

On Day 2, we all had a sumptuous breakfast at Omni Hotel's famous Café Saigon, which is open from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight. Here, you can dig into its endless buffet of Western, Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese dishes, plus all types and sizes of French baguettes. Definitely no calorie-counting for all of us, *palanggas*!

By 9:30 a.m., we were off again on a tour of the city's different districts.

Pepper and I checked out art galleries where, needless to say, I grabbed a couple of popular local artists' paintings. Then we walked over to where you can get the best lacquered plates in all colors and sizes. Apparently, the ones molded in bamboo are the best buys of all.

After all that walking, it was time for a superb Vietnamese lunch at the cozy, postcard-pretty Blue Ginger Resturante.

While on the subject of restaurants, let me just say that in the area of cuisine, Vietnam learned well from France. Yes, there was the matter of the revolution, but today, dahlings, the French have returned with a vengeance.

One super French resto is called La Silapa, whose chef is French-Canadian. Another popular watering hole is Le Nadao, whose owner is a relative of a Laó royal famille who learned his trade in France. This place was even hailed by Newsweek as a must-go-to resto.

Fascinating market

Next stop: Cholon, the city's ancient Chinatown. In 1788, a group of Chinese from Mi Tho Islands arrived in Saigon and started a market, which is now Cholon.

You can get fruits galore and many more by walking through a fascinating maze of narrow lanes and flamboyantly colorful Chinese temples and pagodas.

In pouring rain, we also toured the richly designed Tran Huang Dao Temple, at 36 Vo Thi Sau St. District 1 (there are seven districts in the city).

This structure was erected in 1932 as a Buddhist pagoda, but was entirely rebuilt 1958 and styled after Northern Vietnam temples. There are eight beautifully curved corners adorned with dragons, phoenix figures, lacquered boards and an altar festooned with gold ornaments.

For last-minute shopping, we drove back to the Ben Thanh Market. This time, we loaded up on boxes of *lanzones*, mangoosten, *atis* and grapes, with sultry beauty **Joy Alberto Castro** of Ark Travel Express Inc. declared as the champion fruit buyer (if there was such a thing).

Ethel Timbol also bought loads of cashews, with the haggling done by **Ging Ledesma.**

Royal dinner

That evening, we were hosted by that super charming GM of the Caravelle Hotel, **Steven O'Grady,** whom *moi* met in Manille when he was the grand chief of Hotel InterCon's Prince Albert.

It was a dinner to die for, exquisitely prepared by good-looking hotel chef **Christophe Depatchaffray.** We couldn't tour the hotel afterwards because it was full, but Steven O.G. gave us a standing invitation to be his guests next time around.

This being our last night, the gals were hot to hit the nightspots before tumbling into bed. Well, the city does have lots of places to see and be seen in.

Among the hottest clubs are Vasco Bar, Maya, Saigon-Saigon atop Caravelle Hotel (a Pepper T. fave), Q, Underground and the wild, wild Apocalypse Now.

Fast-forward to packing time: We couldn't help but feel a bit sad to leave Omni Saigon Hotel. This, after all, was the first truly international hotel to open in Ho Chi Minh City.

If you do visit Ho Chi Minh, *palanggas*, don't fail to check into the 280-room Omni, whose elegant ambience, 24-hour room service, superb food outlets and other amenities would surely be to your liking.

Rare opportunity

With a heavy heart, our group—**Bibsy Carballo, Dilly Marquez** of New World Travel and Tours, **Maria Cristina Ventosa** of Reli Tours and Travel, **Alice San Juan** of Rajah Travel Corp., **Zette-zet Papa** of World Wings Travel and Tours Corp., **Maricor Tiongson** of Prudential Life Travel Services, **Zenaida Chua** of Fortune Inc., **Helen Hao** of Pan Pacific Travel Corp. and Joy Castro said our farewells before boarding our flight back home.

Ho Chi Minh City clearly gave us a rare opportunity to witness a society in transition and a glimpse into Vietnam's dynamic future.

Would you believe, it even has Jollibee! Not one, but three stores, all operated by **John Menguito.** Yup, that's how fast this city is catching up!

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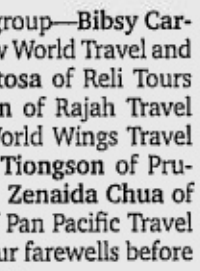

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Maurice Arcache

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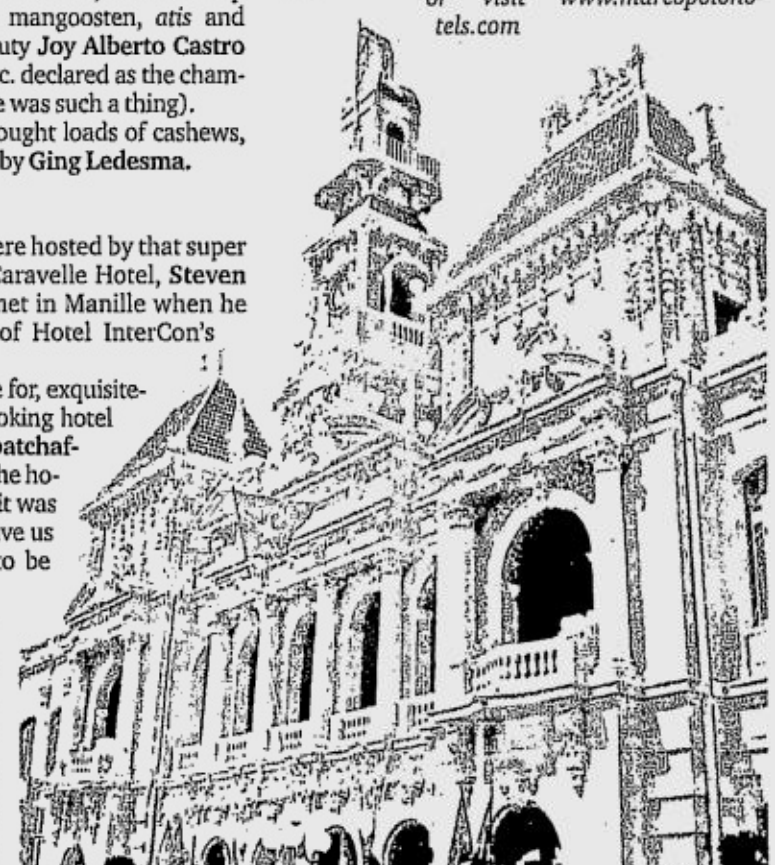
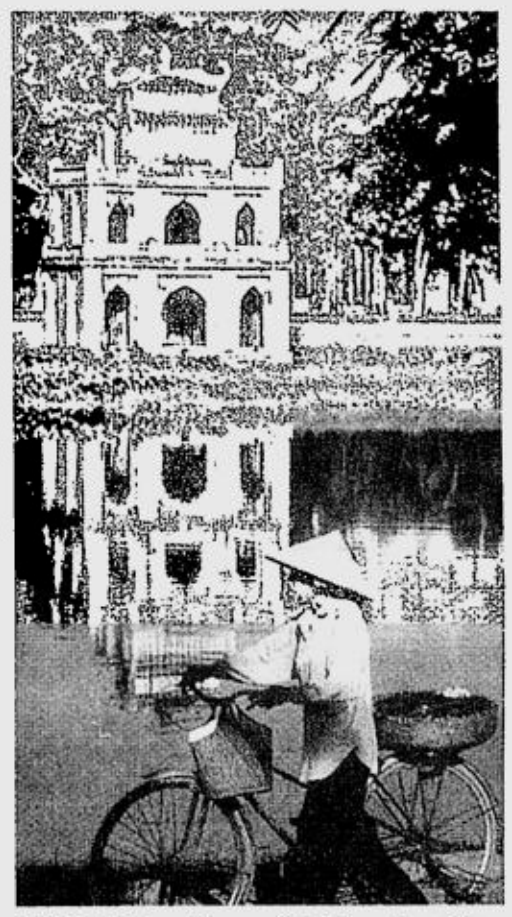


THE IMPRESSIVE and romantic Hotel de Ville, now the seat of the country's People's Committee



BEAUTIFUL and tranquil sights such as this dot the countryside just outside the city.

DE LUXE bicycle delivery gives "street food" a whole new meaning.

COLORED hammocks, here peddled by a bicycle vendor, are a perfect way to enjoy the country's humid tropical weather.

A VIETNAMESE woman selling the sweetest *lanzones* on one of the city's many quaint side streets

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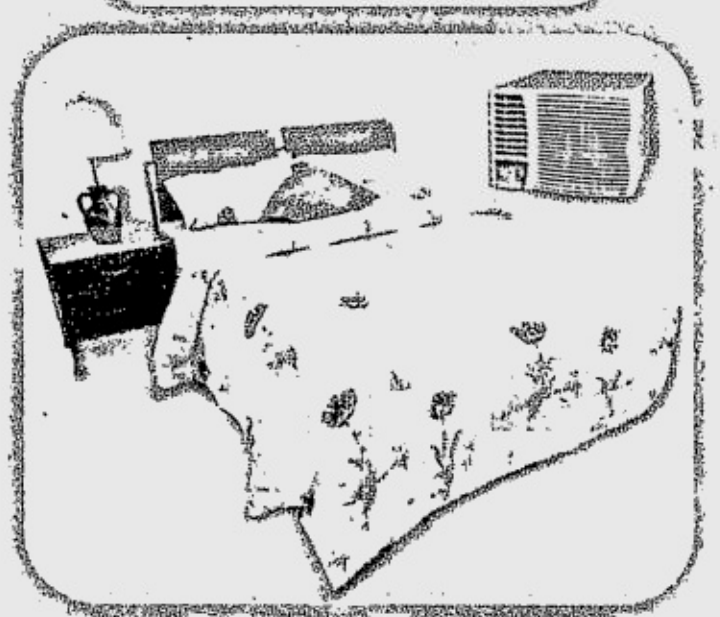

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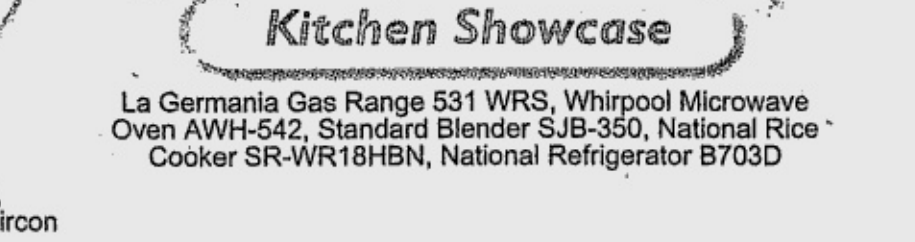

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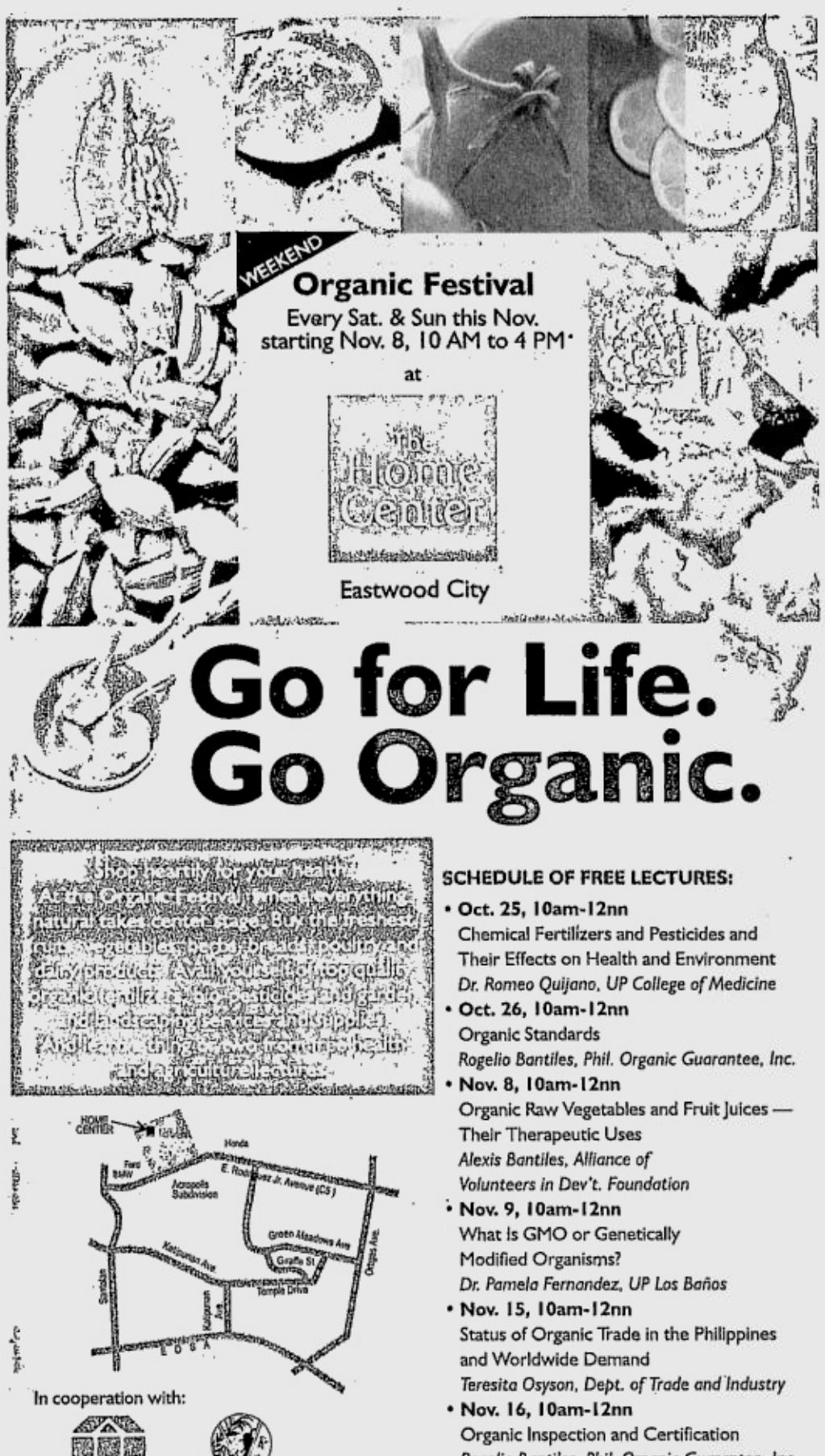

Plant growers hold annual meet, trade fair

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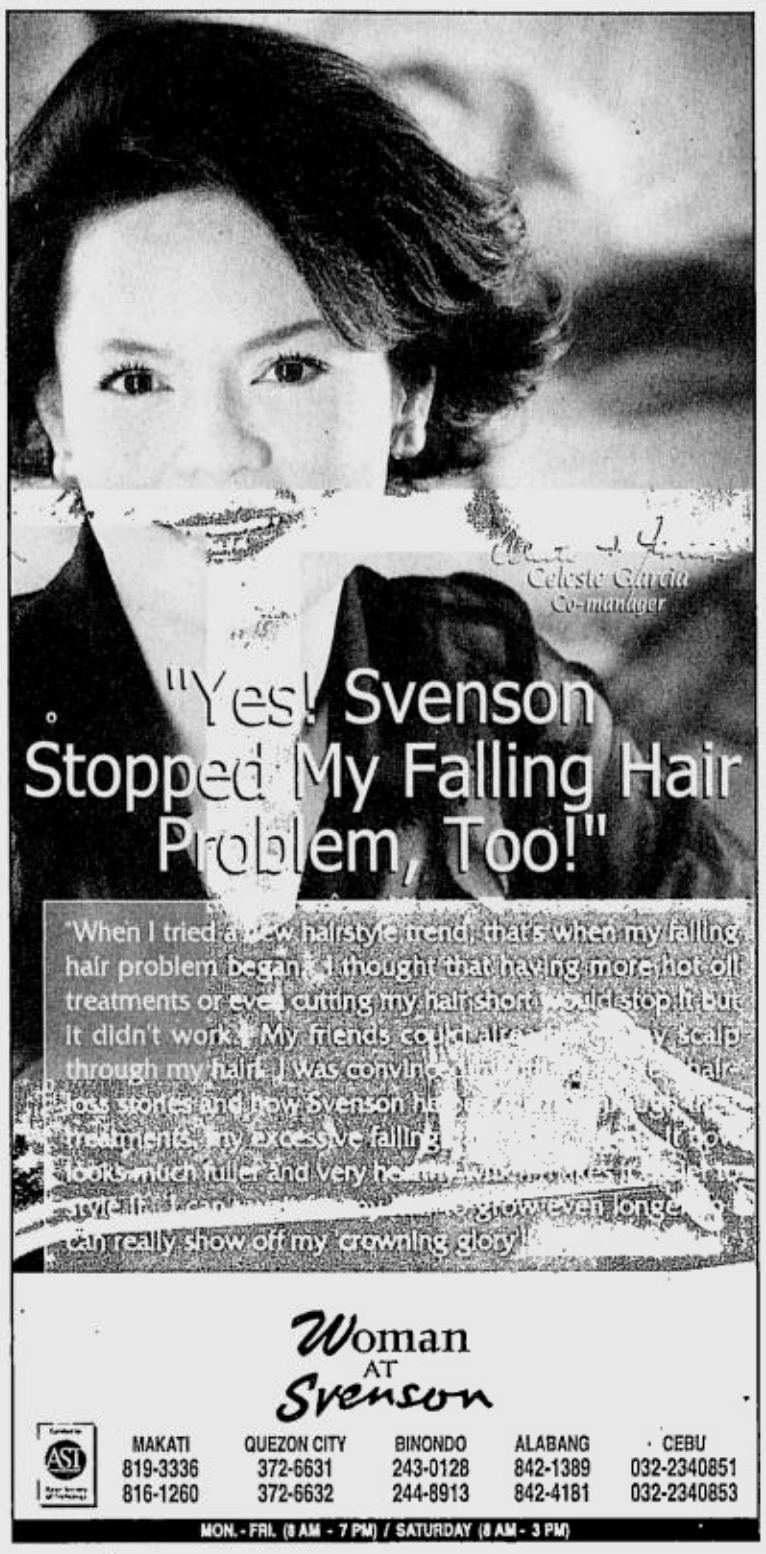

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Style icon opens new store, gets two new Asian faces

JAPANESE supermodel Ai Tominaga for Louis Vuitton's Fall/Winter collection

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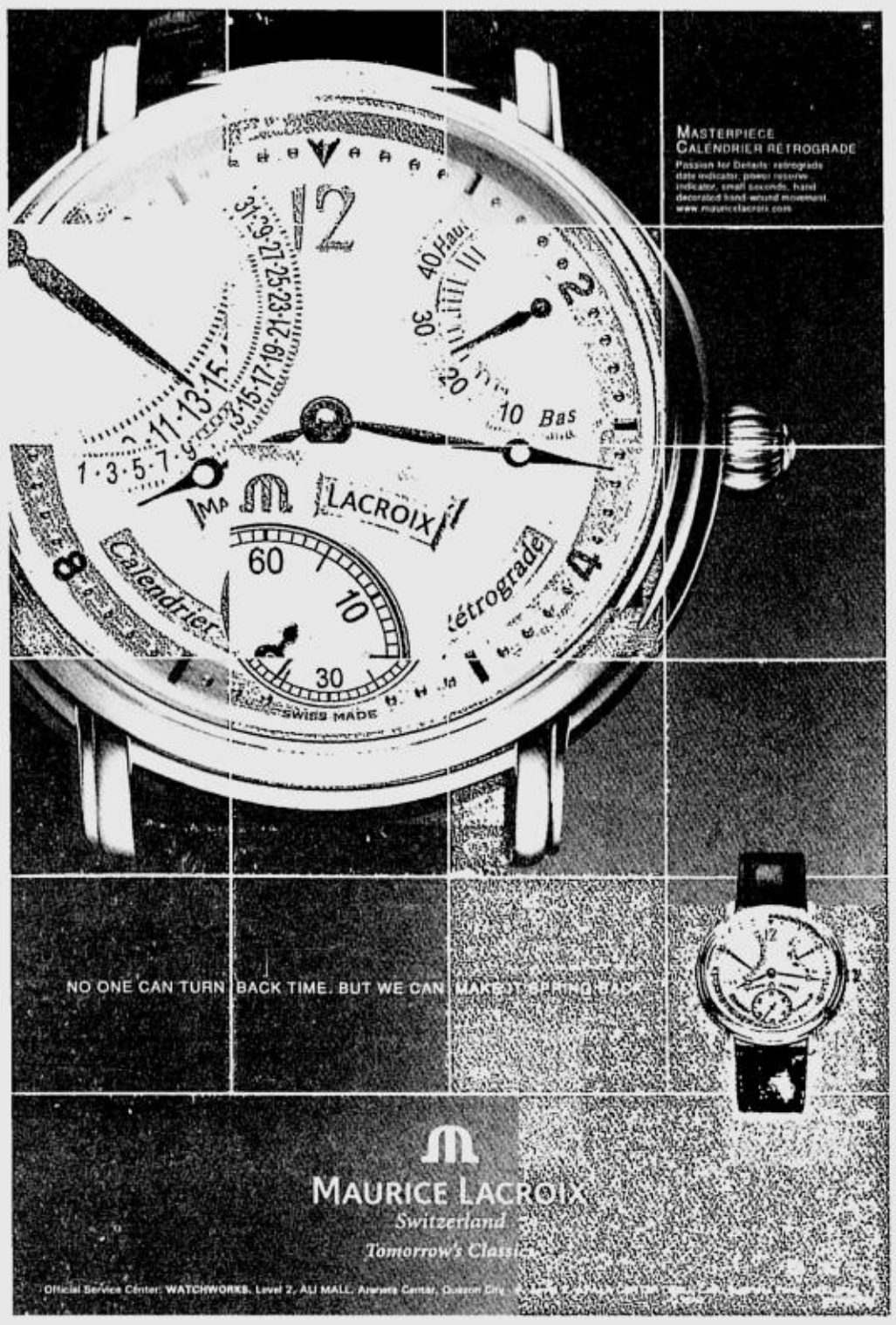

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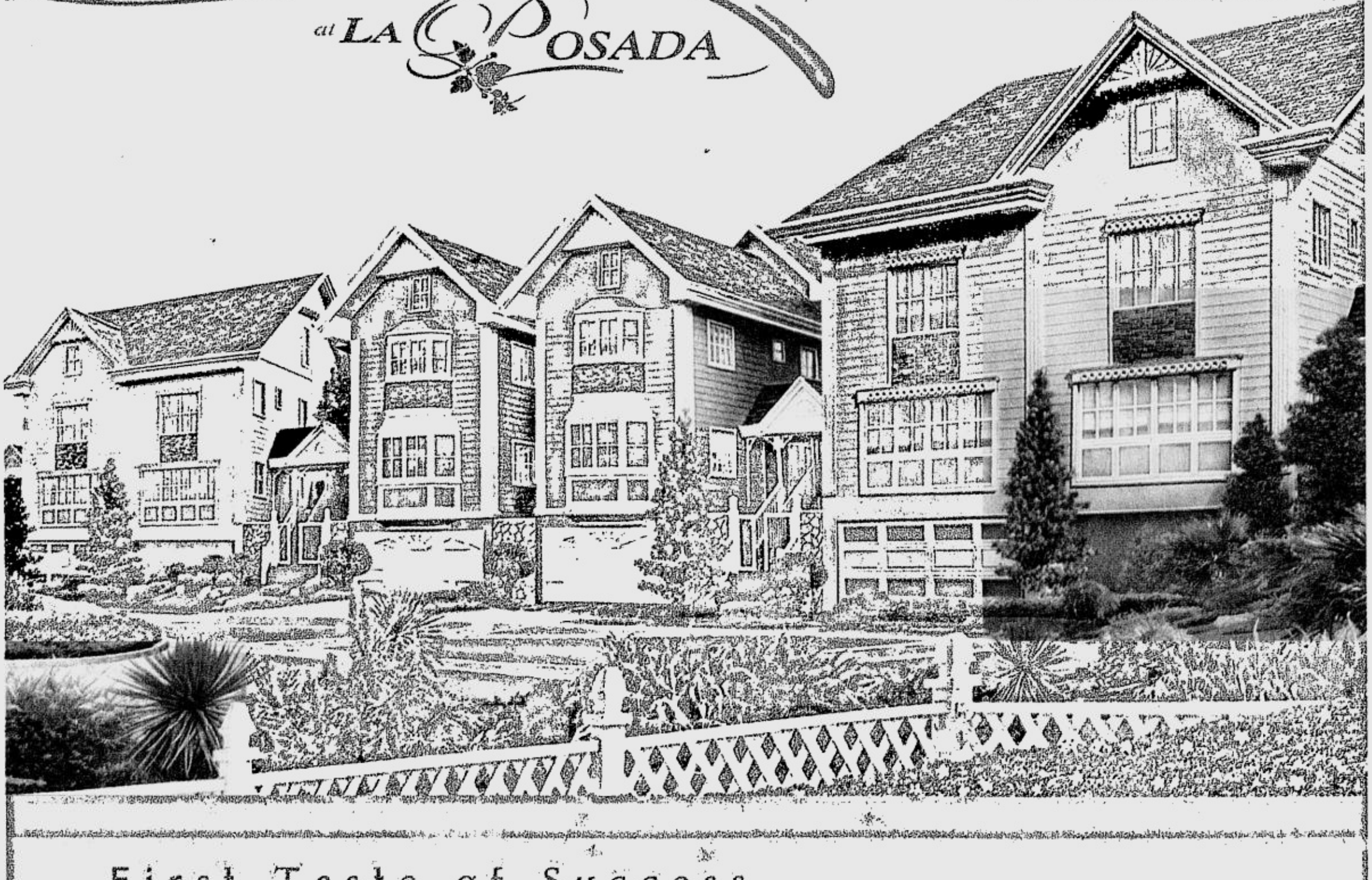

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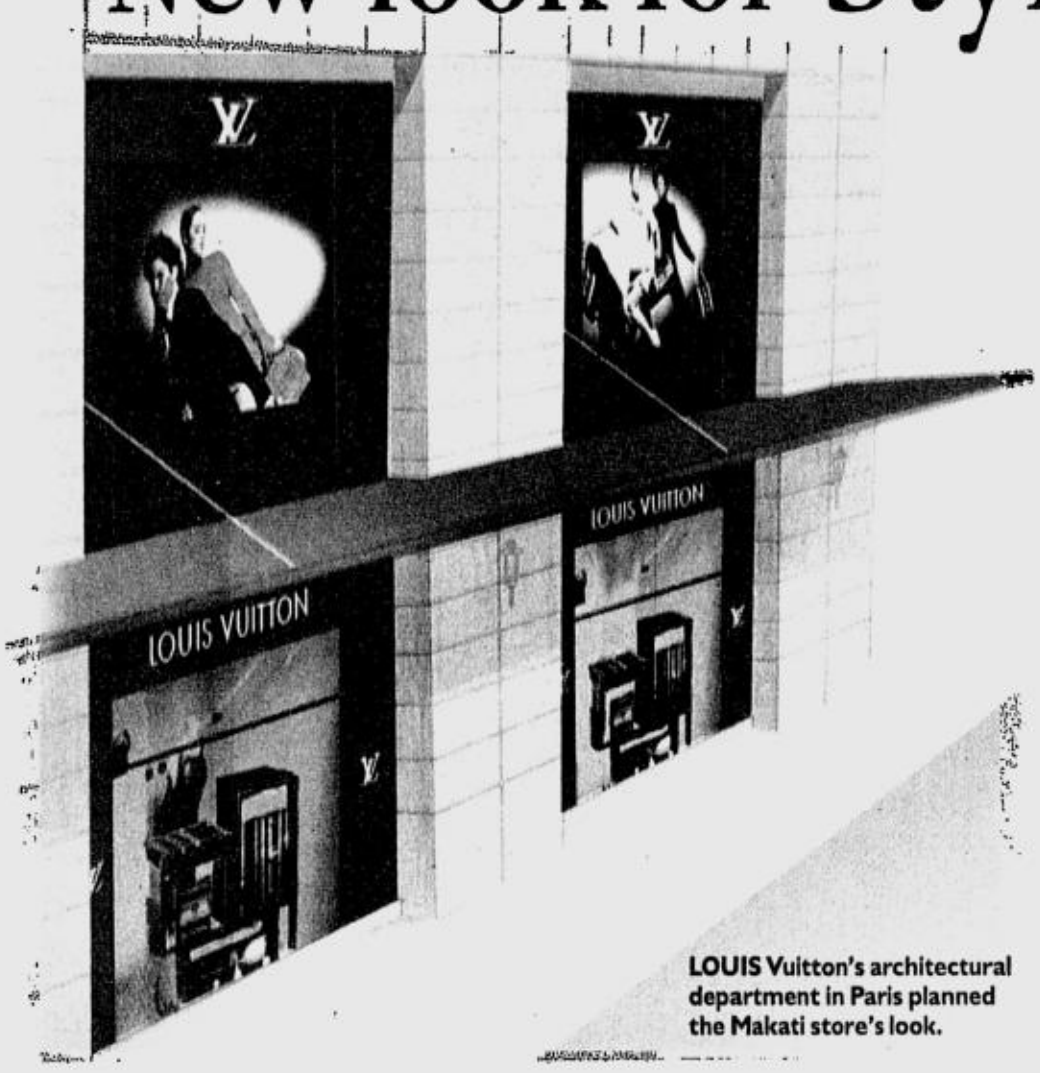
New look for style icon's new store



LOUIS Vuitton's architectural department in Paris planned the Makati store's look.

SPORTING a new look, Louis Vuitton has moved to its new home at the Ayala Center's Greenbelt 4 and will open its store doors to the public on Nov. 8.

Louis Vuitton has refined the architectural concept applied to its stores around the world, and the new Manila store features a highly original look designed to stay in step with fashion and its ultimate expression.

The house's Architecture Department in Paris conceived the store's elegant look, with designs that highlight the leather goods and shoe collections, as well as Vuitton jewelry and watches, now available for the first time in the Philippines.

The store occupies a grand space of 300 sq m. To give it a sophisticated feel, architectural details such as an interior ceiling height of 15 ft, limestone interior wall finishes and timber flooring, specialist painted gypsum partition walls and timber veneered built-in feature elements, were used.

The store's single-story external façade consists of glass and aluminum window sets with backlit signage and decorative timber louvers. At the internal mall area is a limestone wall with integral jewelry showcases, display windows and transparencies.

The opening of the Greenbelt 4 store coincides with the 10th anniversary of Louis Vuitton in the Philippines. Thus, a formal grand opening has been set for tonight.

The exclusive by-invitation-only party will be held at a "secret location" and is sure to draw Manila's social set as well as VIPs and celebrities from business, political and entertainment circles.

Flying in from Paris especially for this event is Yves Carcelle, chair and CEO of Louis Vuitton Malletier, a fashion veteran and one of the most influential figures in luxury brand retailing and fashion.

Carcelle has steered the company to become the world's most profitable luxury goods brand, and also secured the recruitment of fashion designer Marc Jacobs as the house artistic director in 1997, bringing youthful energy and fashion savvy to the inimitable luggage house.

Joining Carcelle at the event is Serge Brunschwig, managing director of operations of Louis Vuitton Malletier, and Francois Delage, executive vice president of Louis Vuitton Asia Pacific.

Louis Vuitton has enjoyed a rich history and tradition of excellent craftsmanship and classic elegance since it was founded in Paris, France, in 1854.

The Empress Eugenie, Napoleon III's wife, was the first Grande Dame to have a penchant for Louis Vuitton creations. Since then, royalty, celebrities and heads of state have all come to the house of Vuitton for their special travel needs.

Today, Louis Vuitton's global audience appreciates the French Malletier's noted mix of modernity with tradition and style with practicality. Having expanded its creative sphere to ready-to-wear, shoes, watches and jewelry, Louis Vuitton now boasts more than 300 exclusive shops in 50 countries around the world. It is set to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2004.

Visit the website at www.vuitton.com.

Star styles from two Asian celebrities

HONG Kong actor Daniel Wu in sleek Alain Delon-inspired suit; Tominaga in retro boots

TOMINAGA in '60s-inspired leopard print sleeveless

TWO of Asia's hottest celebrities bring star style to Louis Vuitton's Fall/Winter 2003 ready-to-wear collection.

Japanese model Ai Tominaga, one of today's most sought-after models, and popular Hong Kong actor Daniel Wu, star in a collection of images taken by topnotch photographer Wing Shya.

Telling "a love story," Wing Shya, whose work has graced French Vogue and, more recently, style bible Visionaire, captured the couple in Louis Vuitton's autumn fashions in sensual images of mystery and mystique.

The entire portfolio was photographed at Hong Kong's former airport, Kai Tak, and in a '60s style retro design hotel.

Ai Tominaga perfectly embodies the Louis Vuitton woman for Fall-Winter 2003, projecting the image of a modern, strong and sensual heroine that resonates with Louis Vuitton's collection of feminized masculine wardrobes and a spectacular play on contrasts.

The men's collection, on the other hand, is alive with the spirit of the '60s, and who better to play this up than Daniel Wu?

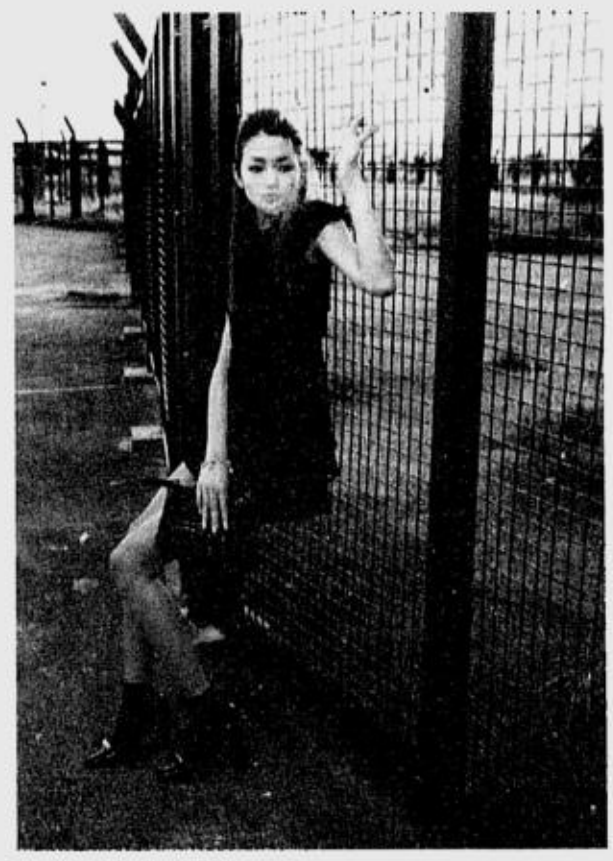
Used to portraying various screen characters, he takes this role to the hilt, with his boyish good looks and outfits inspired by the prep school boys of swinging London as well as young French dandies.

Louis Vuitton has always chosen celebrities that embody the spirit of its collections.

Previously featured by Louis Vuitton were Faye Wong, Maggie Cheung, Tony Leung, Shu Qi and Chang Chen. These highly recognizable Asian celebrities truly bring star power to Louis Vuitton.

Louis Vuitton is set to open its new Philippine store at Greenbelt 4 on Nov. 8, which marks Louis Vuitton's 10th year in the country.

IN STARK red ensemble



IN MOD retro mood with glossy leather statement via shoes and bag

Louis Vuitton mines the retro archive to come up with a subtle luxurious look

STRIKING a streamlined pose amid the burnish of snow

WU as a not-so-angry young man in pensive casual

POLISHING his luxurious image in luxurious sweater

MANILA'S Five Loveliest 2004 (from left): Cristal Bagatsing, Rona Vergel de Dios, Rumples Estacio, IC Tirona and Paula Garcia

Gala presentation for Manila's five loveliest

THE LOVE 14 Foundation and TechnoMarine Philippines will present Manila's Five Loveliest 2004 in a formal gala at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La Hotel on Nov. 12.

The young ladies are Cristal Bagatsing, Rona Vergel de Dios, Rumples Estacio, Paula Garcia and IC Tirona.

Nini Licaros is chair of Love 14 Foundation, while Raffy Florencio is president of TechnoMarine Philippines.

Producer Richard Tann said the presentation would showcase the elegance of Old Manila society and the exuberance of its women.

As major sponsor, TechnoMarine chose the Ateneo Scholarship Foundation as beneficiary for the charity event.

KAT de los Santos with TechnoMarine president Raffy Florencio and Serge Shoukron, TechnoMarine Asia Pacific manager

EVENT producer Richard Tann with TechnoMarine marketing manager Gino de la Paz and TechnoMarine operations manager Iya de los Santos

The Love 14 Foundation started as an informal gathering of friends wanting to give something back to the community—"unconditional love to rekindle hope among the hopeless," as Irene Martel Francisco, foundation president, put it during a dinner attended by Serge Shoukron, TechnoMarine Asia Pacific manager, and foundation officers Therese Santos, Nini Valdez, Mel Meer, Donnie Ramirez, Becky Garcia, Mario Katigbak, Helen Ong and Naty Pappas.

Manila's Five Loveliest 2003—Pamela Ayson, Tracy Abad, Chris Yam and Michelle Robles—together with 1993 MFL Bernice Palanca Go, have also organized the Manila's Five Loveliest Foundation.

LOVE 14 Foundation officers (seated from left) Nini Licaros, Naty Pappas, Helen Ong; (standing) Mel Meer, Becky Garcia, Irene Martel Francisco, Nini Valdez, Bernice Palanca Go and Mario Katigbak

MISS Philippines-Australia Tanya Tankiang

Beauty queen from Down Under

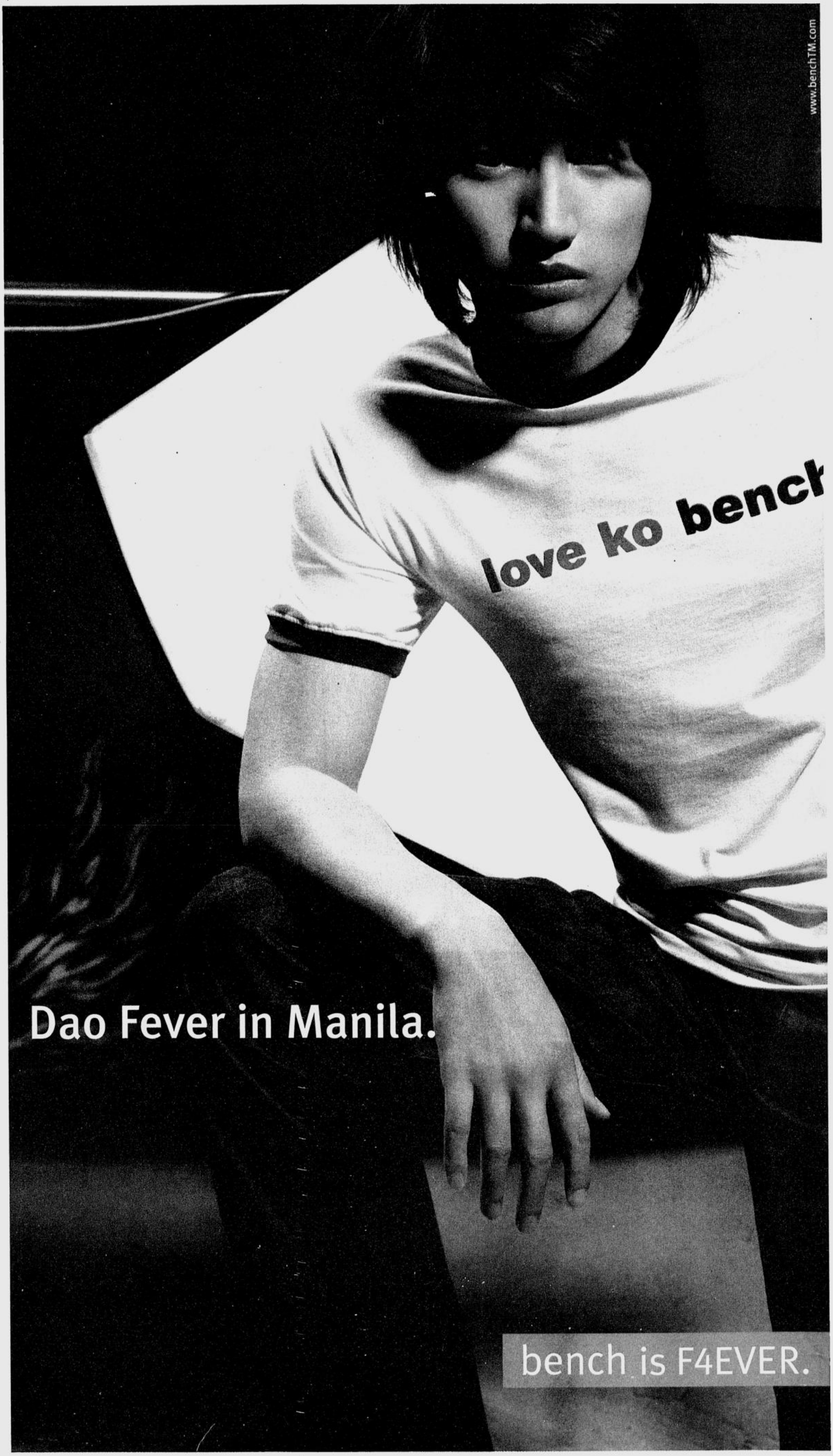
TANYA Tankiang is reinforcing the reputation of Filipinas as among the most beautiful women in the world. She was recently crowned Miss Philippines-Australia 2003 in Sydney, Australia.

Tankiang is the daughter of Francis and Jan Tankiang and the granddaughter of diplomat Dr. Francisco V. Tankiang, first secretary of the Embassy of Malta, and Laguna beauty queen Natividad Almeda Tankiang.

She was was sponsored by the ACT Filipino Australian Association and won over candidates from all over Australia for her beauty, charm, dancing and stage talents, intelligence and knowledge of the Philippines.

Her official duties are to promote the Philippines to the Australian community and to raise funds for the orphans of Metro Manila.

Tankiang, who has modeled for Australian fashion houses and is the leading international model for beauty products in Bangkok, Sydney and Canberra, is due to arrive in Manila to visit local orphanages.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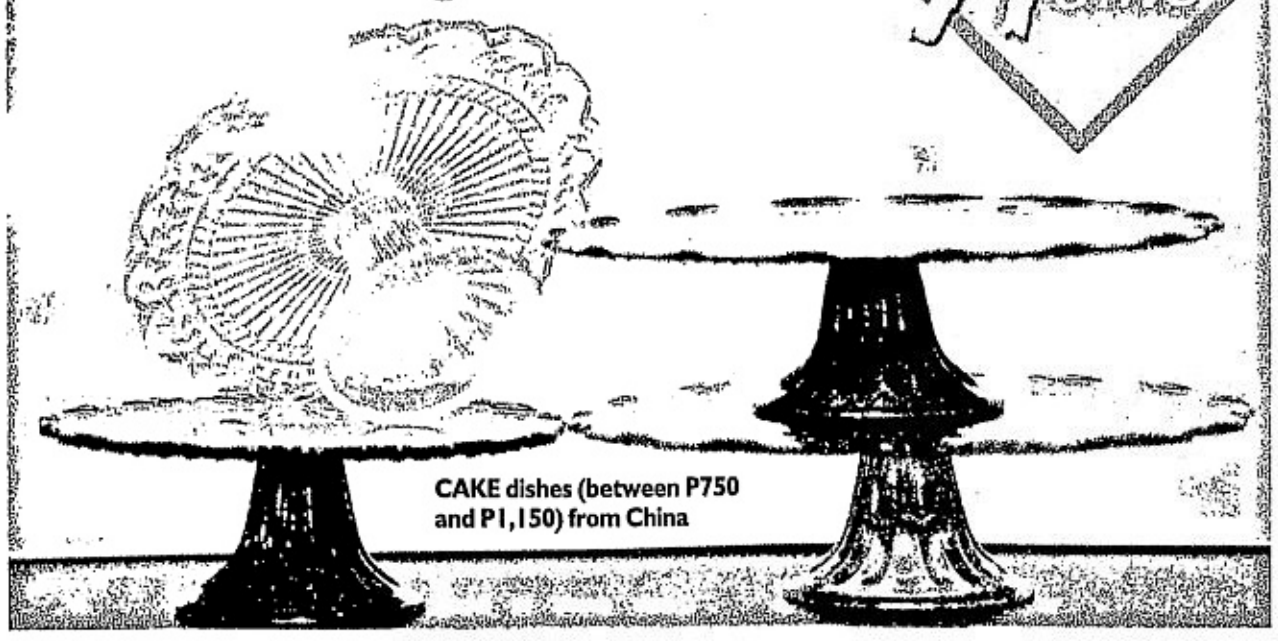

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Gift shop's gift to party givers

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
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KISH heralds the coming Christmas season with My Vogue Life, one of the home store's current showcases featuring attractive party staples—from cake trays to candle holders in opulent colors—aimed at women with a penchant for hosting parties and giving gifts.

"Christmas is all about parties and gift-giving," says Gary Kish, the store's chief executive officer and creative director. "Believe it or not, our biggest competitors this season are the bazaars. We aim to provide the public with an alternative by coming up with My Vogue Life."

Unlike most home stores, Kish is divided into several themes according to lifestyles. My Vogue Life is just one of several lifestyles featured in the Kish showroom at Greenbelt 3 in Makati.

The themes evolve based not only on current trends, but also on Gary's preferences. He regularly travels abroad to keep himself updated. It's not uncommon for some clients to buy every item featured in a particular showcase—from the sofa down to the vase.

"It's an extra service to the client," says Gary. "We provide them with merchandise as well as ideas on how to come up with a particular look for their homes."

And since it's in a party mood these days, Kish has added a good number of chunky jewelry pieces made of Swarovski crystals and semi-precious stones to the mix. The range includes a wide variety of necklaces, rings, bangles and chandelier earrings that are so trendy these days.

Some items are decidedly expensive, but there are also a number of unique finds that are quite affordable.

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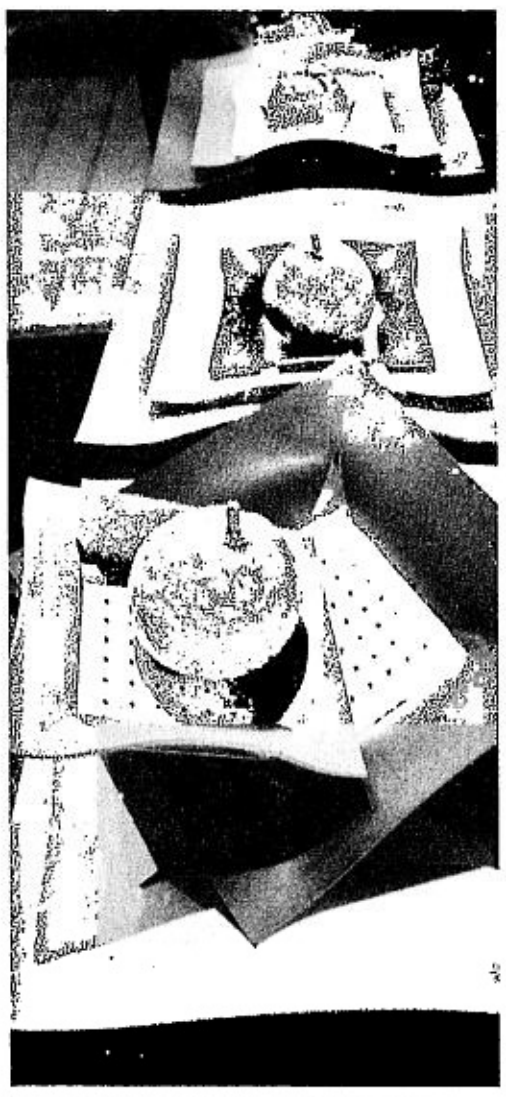

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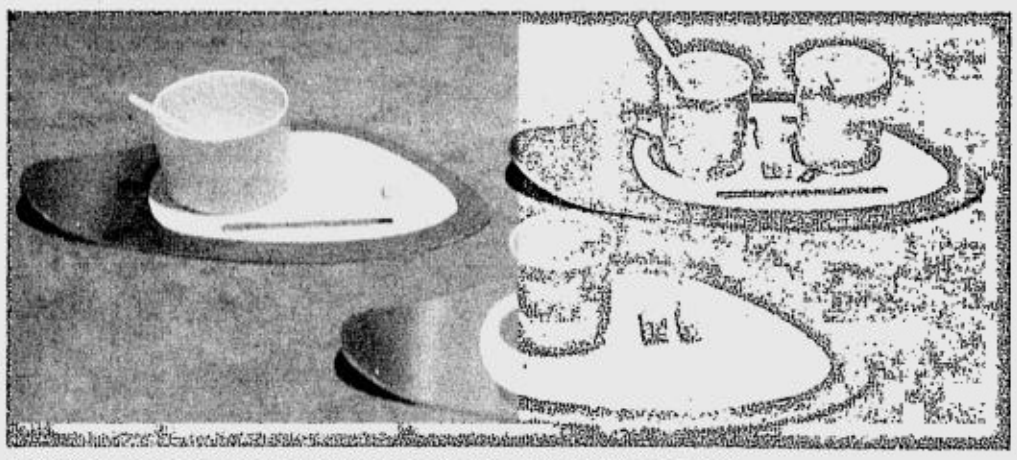
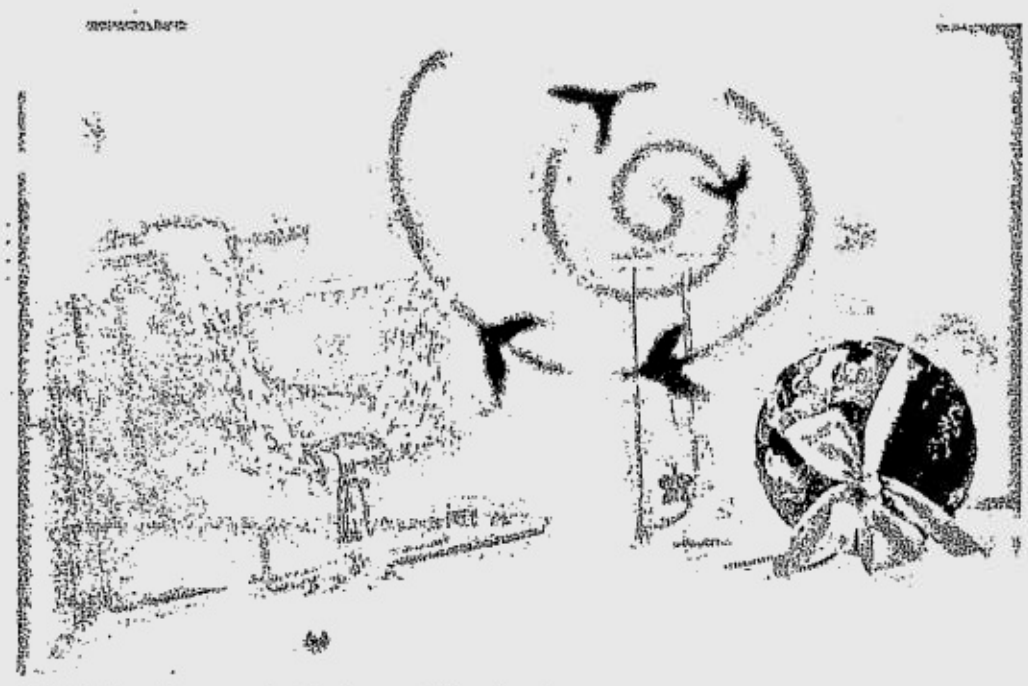
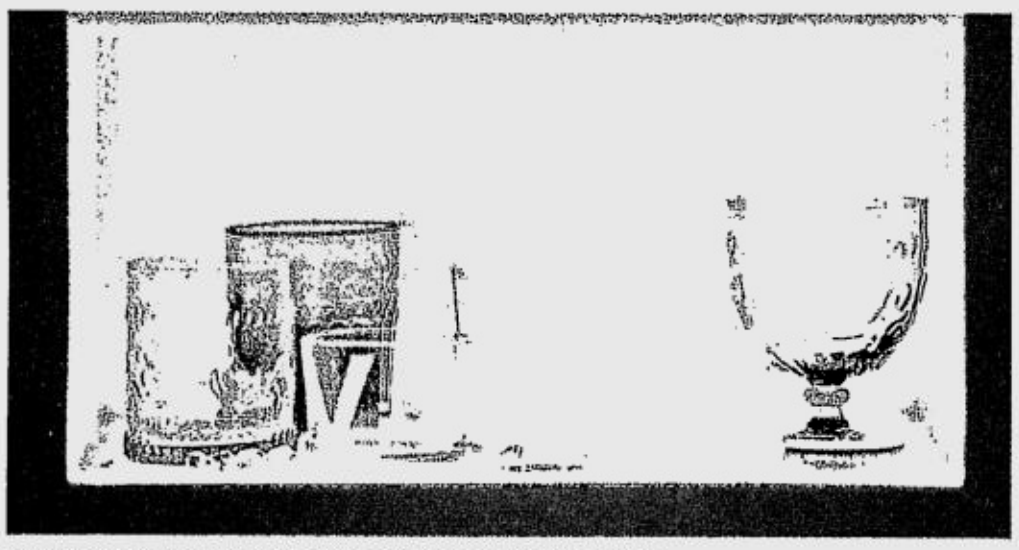


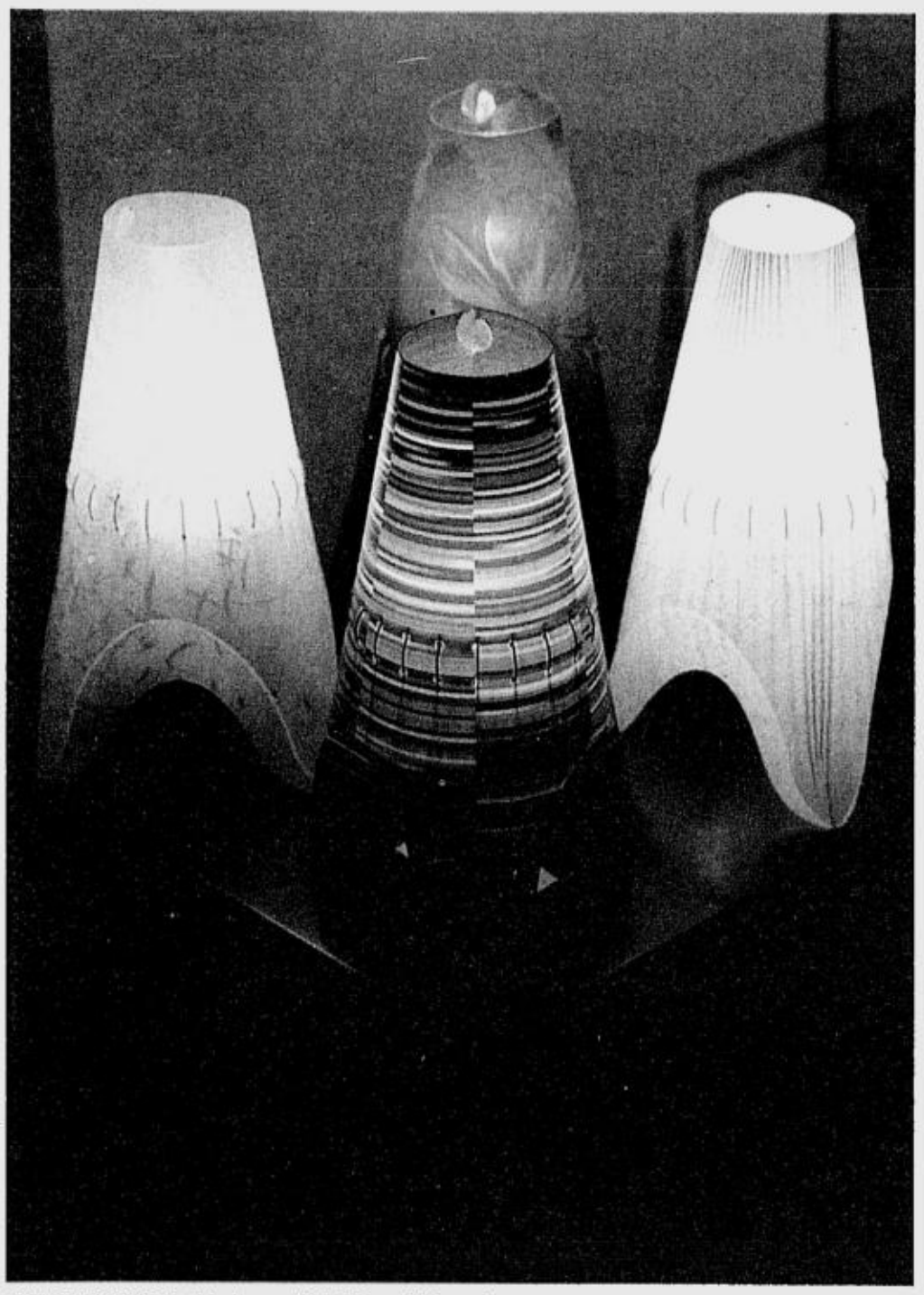
SLEEK cup and saucer sets from France (between P2,350 to P2,850)



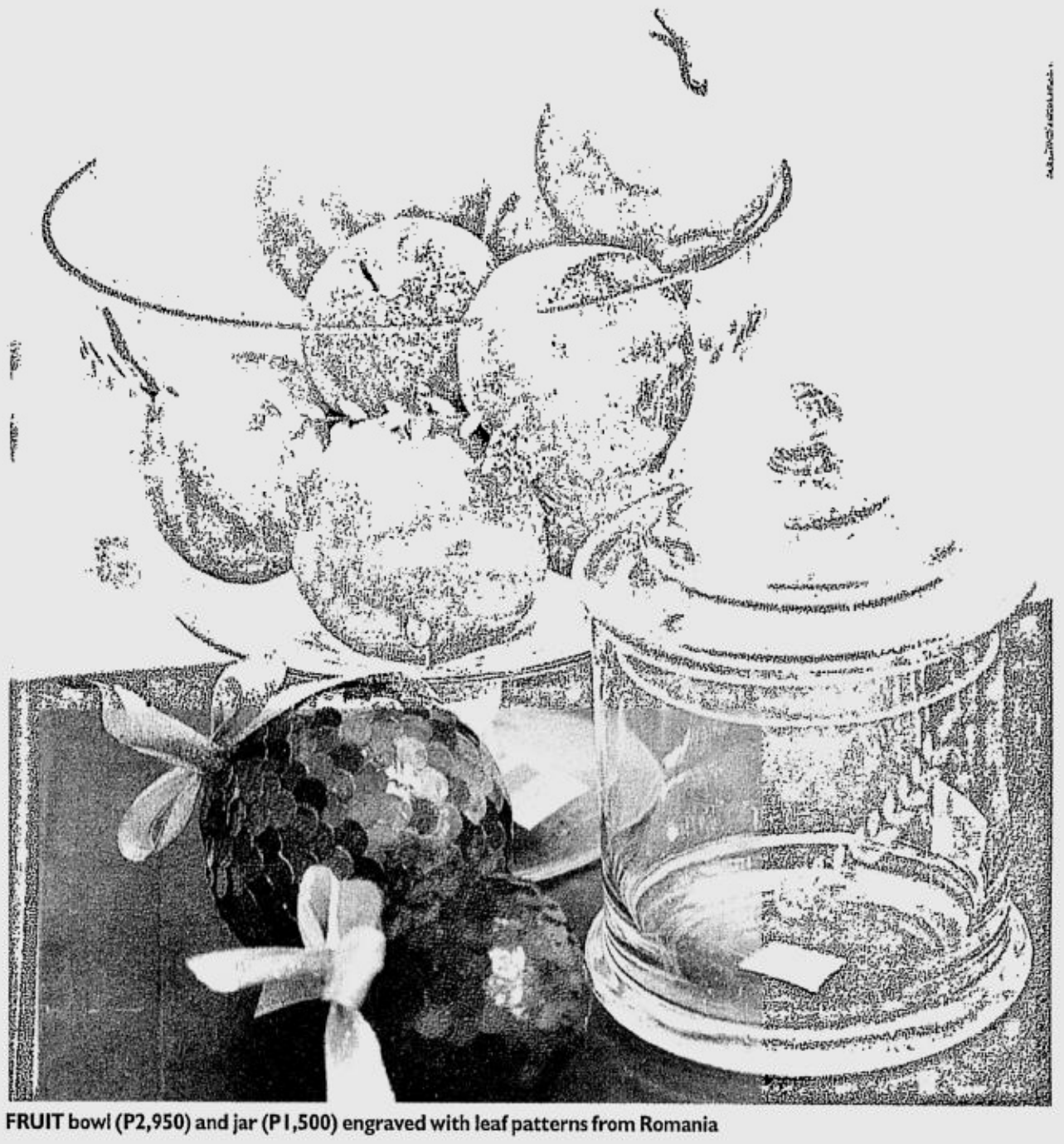
QUARTZ necklaces and a Christmas ball made of *capiz*



WATER glasses, mostly from France (between P175 to P275)



EYE-CATCHING table lamps (P3,400 each) from France



FRUIT bowl (P2,950) and jar (P1,500) engraved with leaf patterns from Romania

Gift shop's gift to party givers

Kish's colors go beyond red and green, reflecting the rich, festive and multicultural side of the season

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A pair of beaded rubber slippers from Bali, which come in several neutral and fruity shades, can set back the giver by P475. Cake trays, the kind that harks back to the 1950s, cost P1,150 each, while clear and amber-colored candleholders with dangling elements cost P3,200 each.

Those still into minimalism may want to check out a set of French-made trays that double as strainers (P4,950). Whether you're feeling Zen or bohemian, you may choose from a dozen or so trays and bowls that come in various shapes, sizes, inspirations and materials.

Are you in a laidback mood? Kish offers a wide range of throw pillows that are fringed, beaded or quilted. Although shades go beyond the traditional red and green, they nevertheless reflect the rich, festive and multicultural side of the season.

Kish also carries an array of scented candles in yummy and earthy colors. And to fully live up to its name as a lifestyle store, My Vogue Life will also feature ready-to-wear clothing as well as the latest fashion publications.

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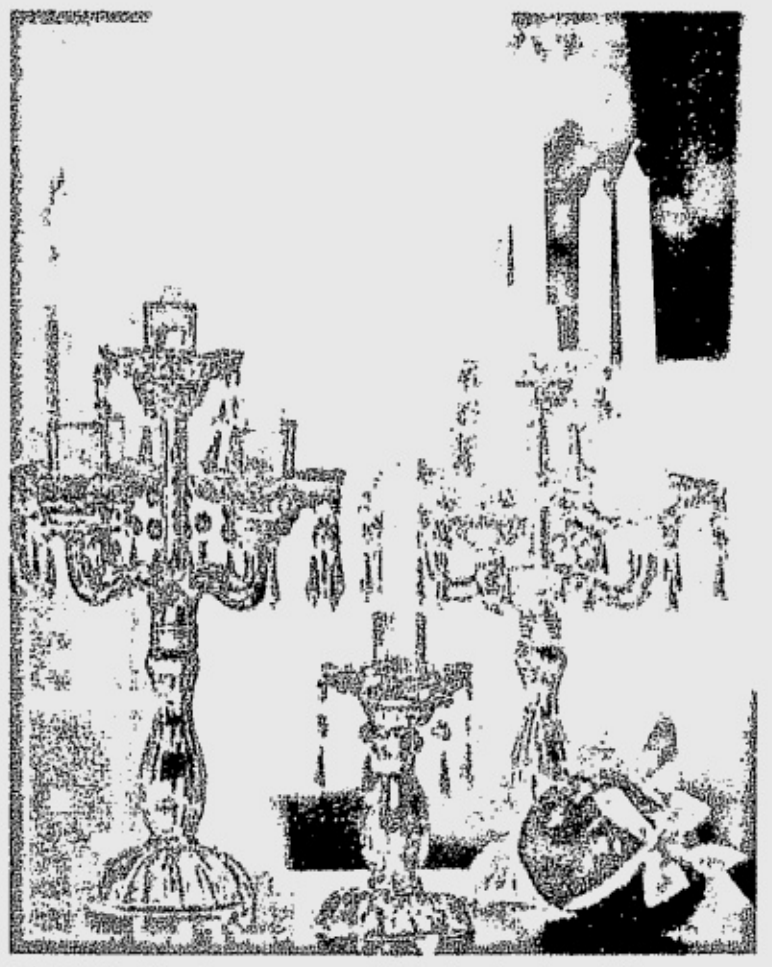
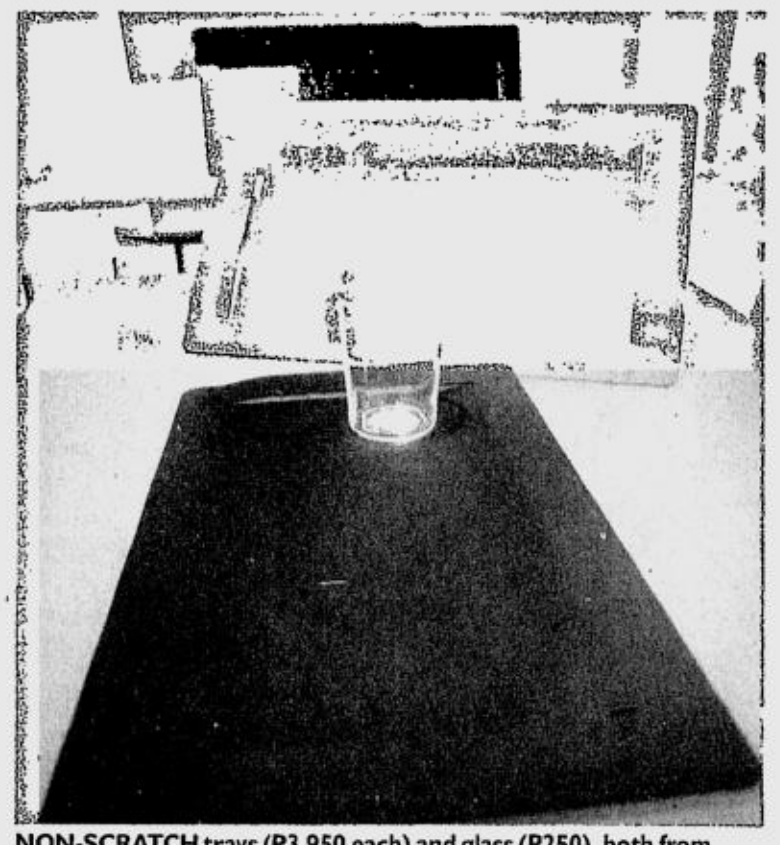


CANDLE holders in transparent glass and amber from China (between P320 to P650)



NON-SCRATCH trays (P3,950 each) and glass (P250), both from France

THROW pillows galore (between P1,250 to P1,850)

BEADED slippers from Bali (P475 a pair)

T-shirt painting tilt for kids

GOINGS ON

STA. LUCIA East Grand Mall invites children aged 7-12 to join "My Christmas Wish" on-the-spot T-shirt painting contest. Get a form from customer service booths or the mall's Ad & Promo department. Attach a photocopy of the child's birth certificate and a P100 single-purchase receipt from any store within the mall dated Nov. 1 to Dec. 7. Deadline for submission of entries is on Dec. 7. Contest date is on Dec. 12 at the mall's entertainment center.

HIMIG PASKO a cappella chorale contest for groups of 8-20, aged 13-28, is on Dec. 20. Deadline for submission of forms is on Dec. 17. Call 6815401 local 109.

TRADE EXHIBIT. Shangri-La Plaza Mall presents the "World's Finest Foods" until Nov. 14, 1/L Shangri-La Mall, Edsa corner Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong.

BAZAAR. The Women's Board of St. Luke's Medical Center is holding a bazaar at Greenhills Commercial Center on Nov. 8 -9 to raise funds for its indigent patients. Highlight of the bazaar is a raffle contest where the prizes at stake include a trip for two to Singapore, trips to tourists spots in the Philippines, free executive checkup for two, household appliances, groceries and cash. Call 9394928 or (0918) 9170585.

DIGITAL FEST. AVSurfer is holding a Digital Festival until Nov. 10 at the activity area of Alabang Town Center. Call 8404971.

BIKE RIDE. A free "Bike Ride for Clean Air" will be held Nov. 8. Assembly time is 6 a.m., Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Avenue, QC. Departure is at 6:30 a.m. The route will include Visayas Avenue in front of DENR, Elliptical Road, Quezon Avenue, Edsa, Pasay City, Roxas Boulevard, SM (reclaimed area) for water stop, Edsa Pasay, People Power Monument.

HOMECOMING. The San Beda College of Law Alumni Association will hold its annual homecoming and fellowship on Nov. 19, 6 p.m., at NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio Global City. Call 7355995 or 8308160.

PROGRAM. Ayala Museum holds "Storytime with the Stars" every Saturday at 3 p.m. It features Maritoni Fernandez on Nov. 15, Regine Tolentino on Nov. 22 and Karylle on Dec. 6. Call 8121191 local 112.

BAZAAR. Karl Edward Int'l. will hold weekend bazaars for the whole month of November. "Shop@The Fort" will start tomorrow, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio Global City.

CLASSES. The Philippine Academic Center for Enrichment and Self-Actualization Languages Internationale is offering English as a second/foreign language classes starting Nov. 10 at its Escolta branch. Call 247-3299/3316/3340.

REUNION. Arellano High School Class 1954 will hold a class reunion tomorrow at the school compound in Teodora Alonzo, Sta. Cruz, Manila, 2-6 p.m. Call 8235847, 2524507, 8260445 and 8279395.

MOA SIGNING
The Department of Education-National Capital Region has signed an agreement with Aloha Alternative Learning Systems, Inc. for the training of selected teachers in NCR on the Aloha method. Photo shows professor Mercurio Elenzano (2nd from left), CEO and managing director of Aalsi, signing the MOA with Dr. Corazon Santiago (middle), director of DepEd-NCR. Looking on are Dr. Gerardo Consolacion, assistant regional director; Dr. Flordelina Alquiza, NCR-regional elementary Math supervisor; and Rolando Garcia.

THE TiK series' innovative sculptural design stands out from the pack, and comes in high-gloss lacquer finishes in black, yellow, red, blue and white.

The movie in my mind

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"Unless you're building a theater, putting 13 speakers for clients who want a 12.1 channel system is not beneficial [if what's embedded in the DVD software is 5.1]," he says.

"Although distributed sound says more is better because hot spots are eliminated in the room, in an average living room, a 5.1 theater system is fine since everyone gets a great experience of the surround sound without getting a blast in the ear."

JBL designs come in all shapes and colors, from the classic, box-like speakers to Scandinavian-influenced sculptural cabinets of the TiK series to modern, sleek renditions of steel and wood.

Built-in systems such as in-ceiling or in-wall types are also available through JBL's space-saving packages.

Never buy sound systems by simply looking at ads or commercials. Sit down, listen to the difference and experience firsthand the excitement that is the digital surround, advises Bente.

"Anyone with a good set of working ears can hear the difference. You don't have to be an engineer, a rock star or an industry veteran to hear it," he says.

JBL products and services are available at the Soundroom, 5/L The Podium, Ortigas Center; Digital Dreams, G/F Cyberzone, SM City North Edsa, QC; Acoustical space, 5/L Building B, SM Megamall; Architectural Audio, G/F New World Hotel Shopping Arcade, New World Hotel, Greenblet, Makati; and Audio X-Beyond Innovations showroom, G/F Unit B, Gilmore Commercial Plaza, Gilmore Avenue corner Aurora Boulevard, QC.

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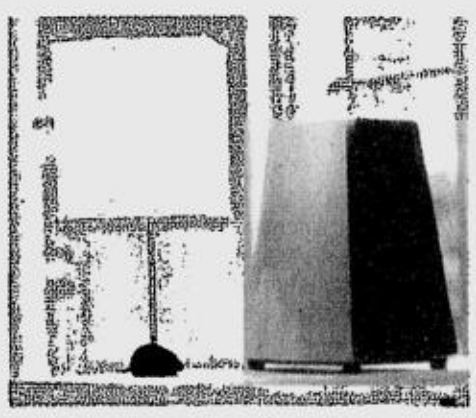
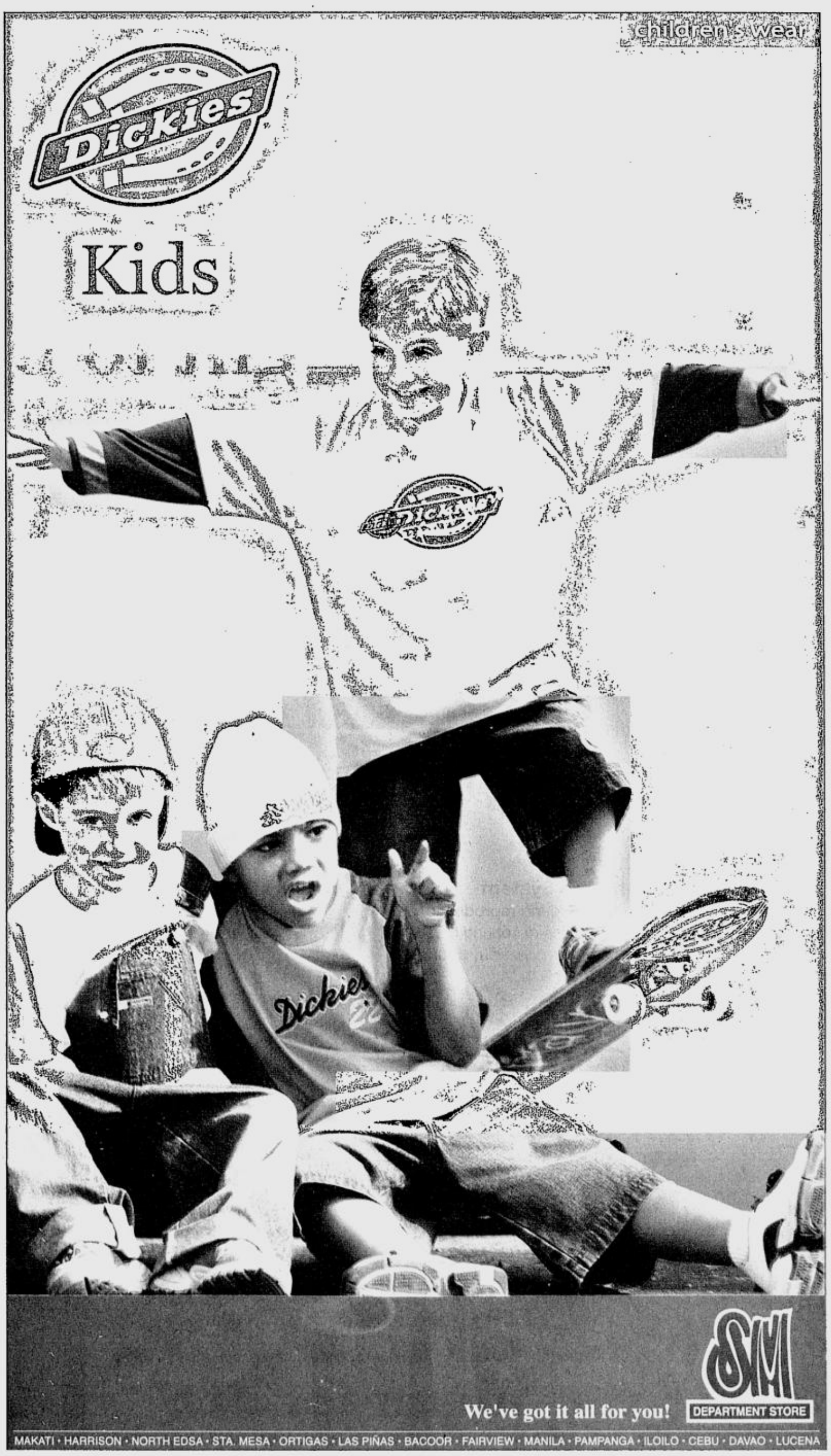
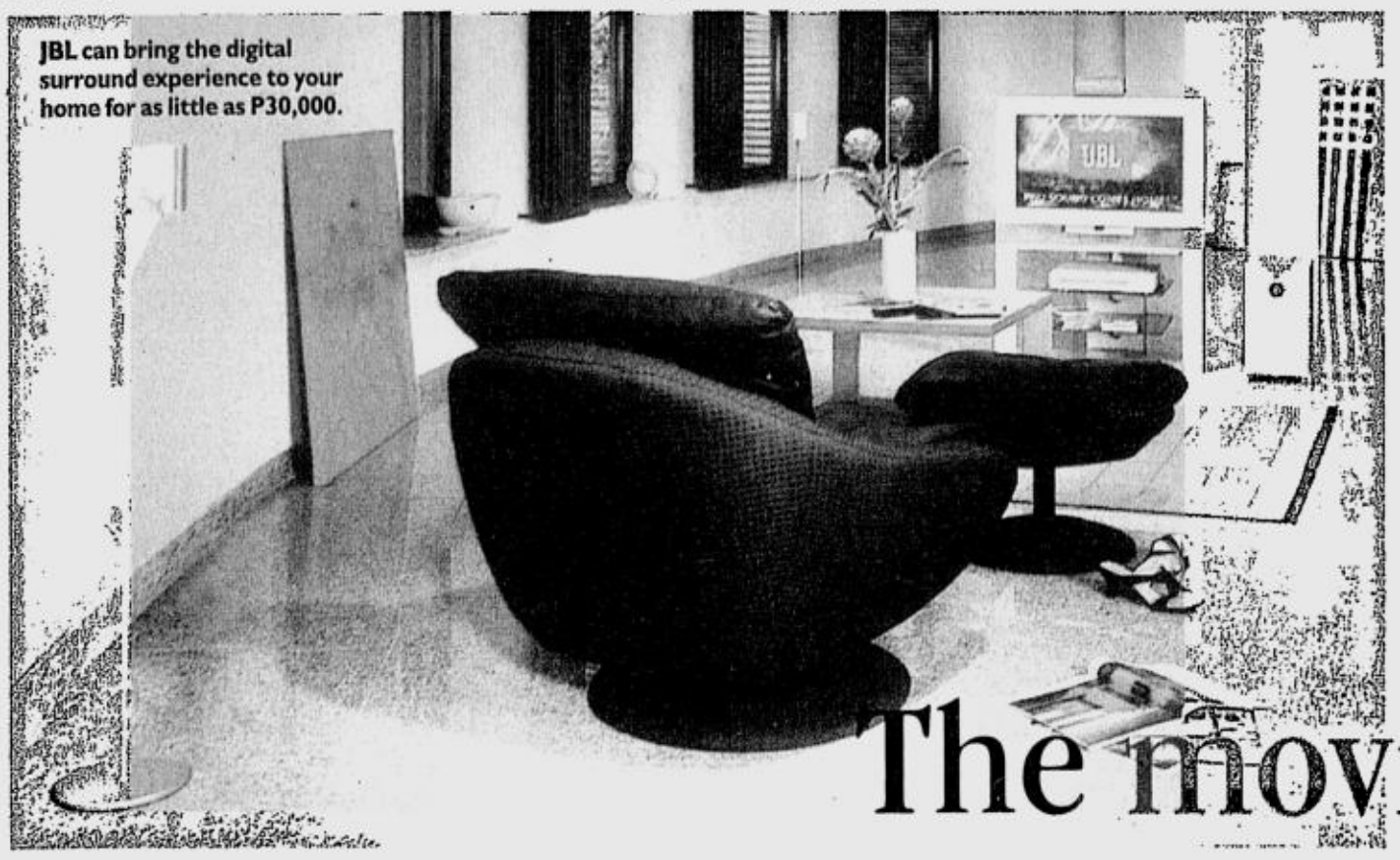
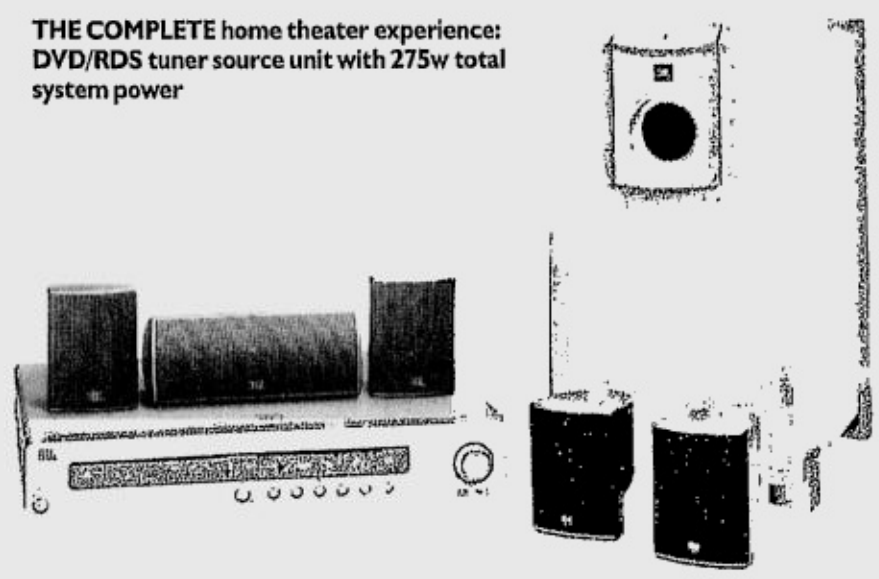


SPEAKERS make a handsome addition to home interiors.

WOODEN cabinets that are as functional as they are decorative.







The movie in my mind

With home theater, you watch movies in style and with the right crowd—your family and friends

By Anne A. Jambora

THE DAYS of watching your favorite movies in cold urban hubs crammed with strangers may be numbered. A new entertainment technology allows the cinema lover to create her own rules, style, and crowd.

"[Home theater] is one of the great family experiences, gathering around on a Friday or Saturday night [to] enjoy a first-rate movie," says JBL consumer products president Paul Bente.

JBL, known in the movie industry as the sound system of choice of many cinemas in the world, including the Philippines, now brings the digital surround experience to anyone's homes.

Consumers can have their dream home theater depending on their budget, with specifications especially suited to best perform in their chosen area of the house.

"We have home theater consultants for first-timers or for those who need further advice. We also do ocular inspection in our clients' homes to make sure everything performs the way it should, and everything is in its proper place," says Eleanor Lynn Sy, Beyond Innovations Inc. general manager, JBL exclusive distributor.

Electronic-friendly

JBL products are not that expensive. Sure, there are home theater systems available with stratospheric price tags—to the tune of $125,000, no less—but entry levels go as low as P30,000. "For an area of 20-30 sq m, this system is more than enough, perfect for single people living in studio units," she says.

No need to worry if the speakers match your amps and players. Bente says JBL products are very electronic-friendly that you can use a wide variety of amplifiers and DVD players with them.

There are packages, too, for those who'd rather not go into the technical detail of setting up their own home theaters. For instance, the standard 5.1 channel setup, a seven-piece complete home cinema system with built-in amplifier and DVD player, costs about P70,000.

"[JBL] home theater systems have all the fundamentals to make them the best systems you can buy with your money, with the ability to do what no other stuff in their category really can," Bente says.

It was, after all, engineer James B. Lansing who led a team in 1928 that built the world's first cinema, featuring—naturally—one of the first "talkie" movies, "The Jazz Singer."

After that, he created his company, JBL, and started designing and installing pro cinema speaker systems.

"We are the first choice of the professionals, and we are probably second to none in the sound reinforcement business," says Bente.

Today, more than 80 percent of advanced theater installations operate on JBL products and services, such as Dolby Digital, DTS and THX-enhanced cinemas.

Among JBL's clients is Warner Bros., Disney, Universal Studios, Lucasfilms/Skywalker, Paramount, MTV, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and more.

Affordable range

"The same engineering team that creates and designs our professional grade theater systems designs our home theater systems. We use what we've learned about our professional products and take that down to an affordable range," says Bente.

Quality, therefore, is never compromised. Bente says JBL is putting "the magic where people can understand it, and serve them with the best combination of value and performance."

He says the affordable range, for example, will not give the same experience as their louder, high-end products.

However, what really matters is to get the application perfectly, he says.

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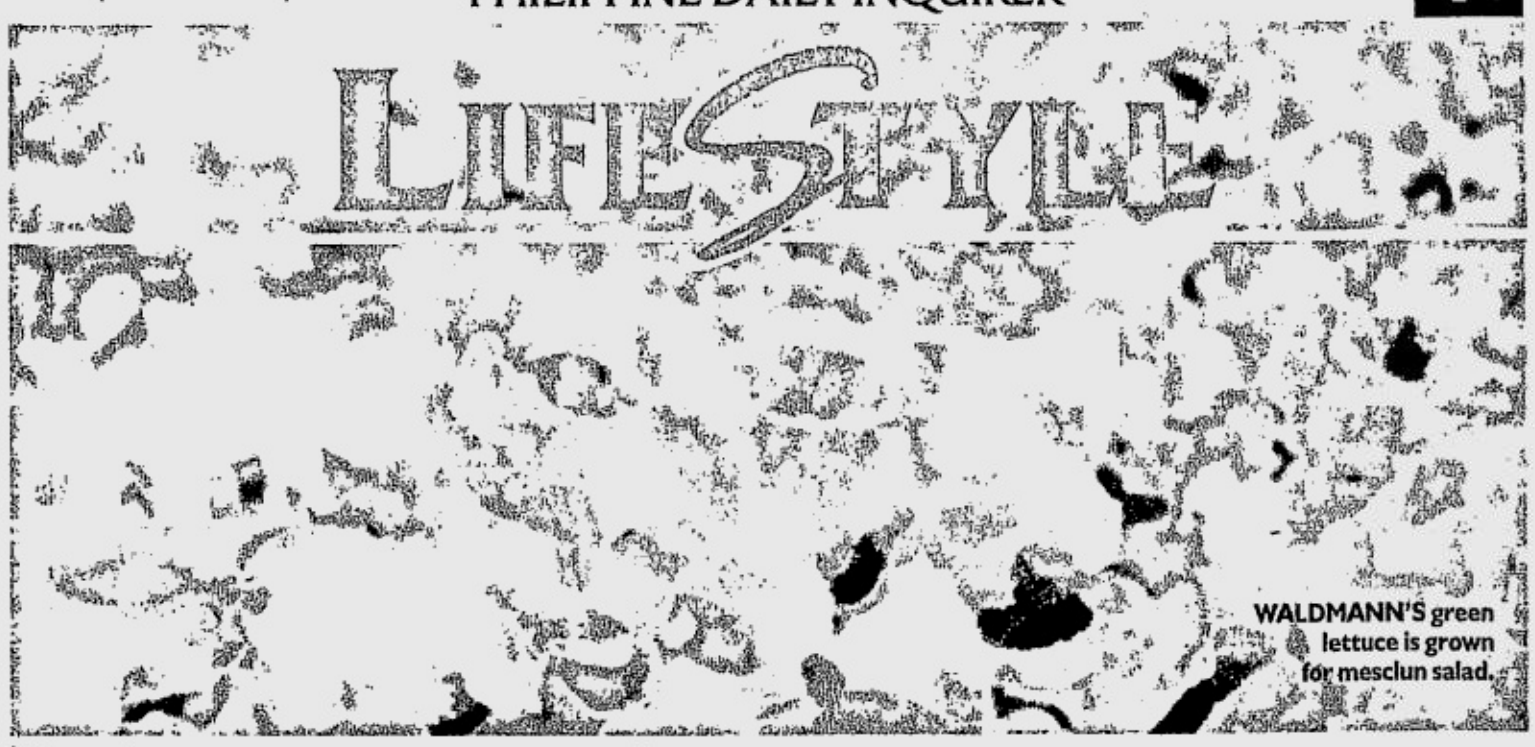
LIFESTYLE



WALDMANN'S green lettuce is grown for mesclun salad.

WHAT'S ON AT ROBINSONS

BIBOY RAMIREZ

Get ready to swoon as teen hearthrob Biboy Ramirez sends hearts aflutter at Robinsons Malls. Join in the fun and be buddy-buddies with him at the 2nd part of the Celebrity Barkada event.

ROBINSONS Place STA ROSA

Salad greens straight from garden to table

Text by Tita V. Giron
Photos by Michael Caballes

YOU see these diminutive salad vegetables at some restaurants and a few selected groceries. Popularly known as micro greens, saladini and mesclun, these leafy vegetables are among the new range of salad greens that have become favorite items in gourmet restaurants and cafés in town. They include mini lettuces, pakchoy, curly parsley, onions, corns, arugula, spinach and many more.

What is interesting about the new vegetables is they can be grown right in the heart of Metro Manila, like in Novaliches for example. At the Freshfield of Lettuce Entertain You Farm, we found out many fascinating things about urban micro gardening. The mini salad greens, for instance, are grown without pesticide and on soil-less media. The process of cleaning the vegetables without the use of chemicals is also fascinating.

The farm, it turned out, was the source of those packaged mini lettuces and pre-cut salad mixes sold at Price Smart stores and Terry Selections. The gourmet greens are also served as salads and garnishes in restaurants in Greenbelt and Tomas Morato, and at Deli France coffee shops.

"I have become so obsessed with growing this range of salad greens," admitted owner Edwin Sy, an engineer by profession. He reads books and magazines about salad vegetables, visits other farms, surfs the Internet and eats out a lot to get a feel of market preference. His wife Jing does most of the administrative work.

Pesticide-free

"These are high quality vegetables that consumers won't be afraid to eat. We grow them without chemical pesticides. They're washed in plain water and packed without preservatives," Sy explained as he showed off his organic vegetable garden. To prove it was safe to eat the vegetables, he plucked a leaf of trout-back romaine lettuce and started munching it.

"Try it and find out how crunchy, juicy and sweet lettuce tastes when newly harvested." We savored the leaf of a two-week-old deer's tongue lettuce. It tasted heavenly.

As for soil contamination, Sy explained, "We grow our vegetables in soil-less media that are protected from soil contamination by sheets of garden plastic." He added that lettuces were harvested in 21 days. By the time mice and leaf-eating insects discover the plants, the lettuces were already being harvested.

Birds, however, are the bane of the pesticide-free garden. He pointed out, "That is why, we have a guardhouse, not to secure the place from burglars, but to keep the birds away."

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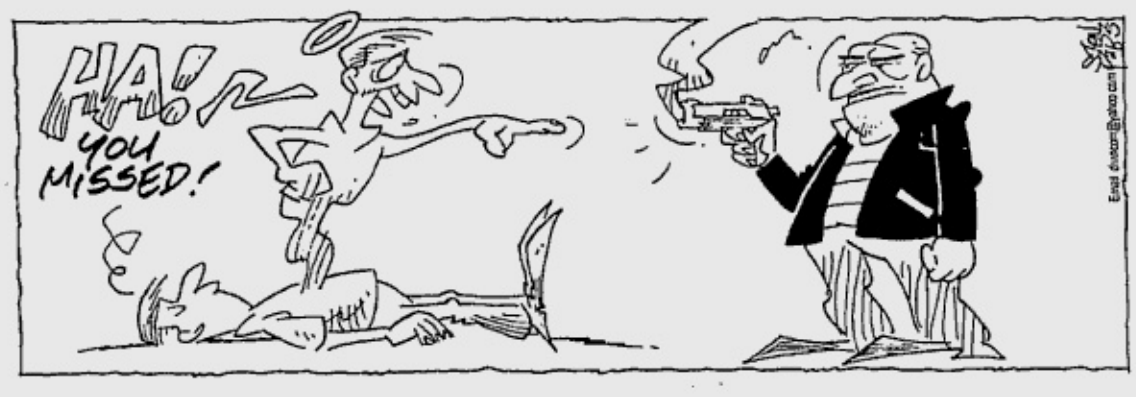

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You are adventuresome and bold. You love to explore, and you often perfect a particular technique. You enjoy life, and you like to have fun. You also work very hard for whatever you believe in. Your ability to research is excellent. Expect a social year ahead. New love is possible.
Birthdate of: Joan Sutherland, soprano; Joni Mitchell, singer; Al Hirt, bandleader/jazz trumpeter.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You want to help someone today—a personal friend, a casual acquaintance or even a group. Follow through on this noble impulse.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Earlier in the week, you were serious; yesterday, you got much happier. Today you are positively idealistic and want to save the world! (That's not a bad thing.)

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Whether you are aware of it or not, in a subtle way you are sensitive to the needs of others at work today. This is a good thing. It promotes understanding and cooperation with everyone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Be careful of putting someone on a pedestal. Although this sounds romantic, it's actually foolish. The people you love are mere mortals, just like yourself.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You have warm and cozy feelings about family members or people you live with today. You want to help them. Encourage this healthy give and take.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): It's good if you can get a clearer idea of where you are in your life and what you want to do with the time that is left to you. This way you can steer your course and not just respond to events.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Today you're ready to spend some serious money on something luxurious. Try to buy what you want before the middle of the afternoon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You have a strong desire to try to understand the world on a more spiritual level today. This is nothing wacky; it's genuine. You want to know if there is more to life than meets the eye.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Any brief moment of solitude that allows you to meditate, ponder, reflect or do yoga will make you feel refreshed, replenished and rejuvenated today. Try it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): This is a good day to deal with others, because a natural mutual sympathy arises easily between people. You are willing to help a friend, and a friend is willing to help you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Today your boss actually sounds reasonable. That's because you have a very receptive frame of mind. (Big difference.)

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You will get great satisfaction doing charitable work or helping others today. Some of you, in turn, might receive this help from someone.

DAILY CROSSWORD

By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

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1 Pool exercise
5 Cover for a crook
9 Fragrant cone-bearer
14 Cash on the Continent
15 Ali, formerly
16 Fashionable shape
17 Bit of excitement
18 Speak hoarsely
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20 Unremarkable soul
23 Put to work
24 Smelter fodder
25 Narrow strips of leather
29 Border on
31 RRs on trestles
34 Pitiful shelter
35 Actress Stapleton
36 Granny or square
37 Typical fellow
40 Merge
41 Eye part
42 Wrap up
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44 Bit of humor
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47 Word before hold or nail
48 Vaguely familiar chap
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8 Keyboard mistake
9 Kick up one's heels
10 Cream of the crop
11 Looker
12 Part of A.M.
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21 Taps horn
22 Bout division
25 Aromatic herb
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27 Early-stage seed
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45 Lethal stuff
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Salad greens straight from garden to table

TINY garnet red and arugula microgreens are packed with flavor.

CHEF Mario Relucio's Freshfield Euro mesclun with garnet red

From page 11

A scarecrow at the center of the garden also helps keep pests at bay.

Greens for health

"Basically, we are a lettuce farm in the city that provides ready-to-eat salad mixes. But we are continuously adding new, exciting vegetables to attract more consumers to eat salad greens for a healthier lifestyle," said Sy as he showed off his seeding edamame soybeans and enumerated their health benefits.

"These are Japanese soybeans that will soon be the hottest beans in the market," he explained. Aside from being rich in protein, Sy said the soy beans also lowered the risk of heart disease and could protect the body from cancers, prevent osteoporosis, and help alleviate menopausal symptoms. They might even help control diabetes and kidney disease.

"We have packaged our harvests to woo consumers into adopting the healthy (habit) of eating fresh salad greens," Sy said. Consumers can get, for instance, a salad mix bag, transfer its contents directly into a bowl and serve, without washing the vegetables.

"We assure consumers that the greens in the bag have been washed thoroughly before packing. Prior to washing, the greens are sorted out and trimmed. We don't use any preservative to extend their shelf life," Sy stressed.

Already in the market and readily identifiable are Freshfield products like salad greens (mesclun) in red bags and arugula salad greens in violet bags. "We also introduced the exclusive restaurant salad mix we call the Freshfield Euro mix. It contains a blend of baby size greens with different tastes, colors and shapes. We found out in our research that this is the salad of choice in the Unites Sates," he said.

Now in various stages of growth at the "salad" farm in Novaliches are new crops that will debut in the local market in 2004. These include yellow wax beans (white beans with yellow pods), cranberry beans, *habanero* (a very hot chili), Indian summer sweet (sweet corn with yellow, white, purple, red, and blue kernel), and patty pan squash (tiny squash). Also growing in the plots are six varieties of the classic Caesar salad lettuces.

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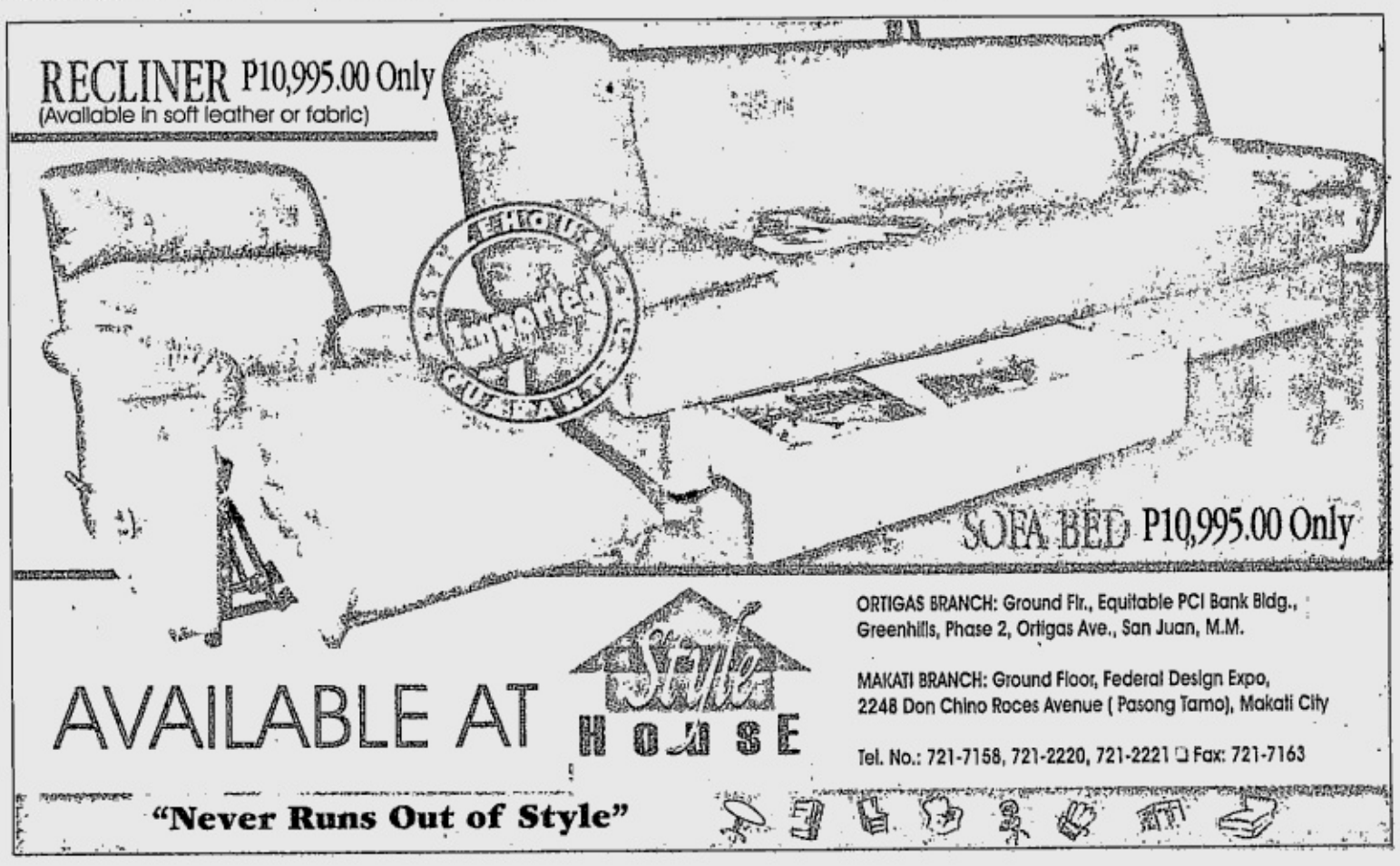


Weekend homes with ready-made flower gardens

PONDEROSA Leisure Farms is a rustic Mexican Spanish village for garden lovers who like flowers and their colors and scents.

With 53-hectares of rolling terrain, Ponderosa is filled with the bright hues of roses, among others.

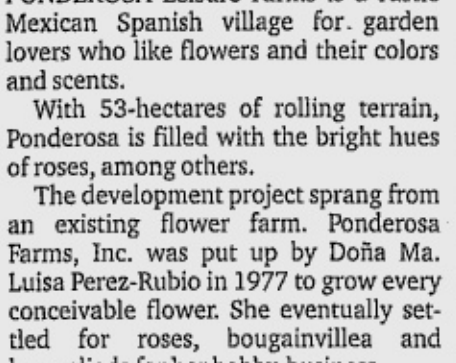
The development project sprang from an existing flower farm. Ponderosa Farms, Inc. was put up by Doña Ma. Luisa Perez-Rubio in 1977 to grow every conceivable flower. She eventually settled for roses, bougainvillea and bromeliads for her hobby-business.

Last year, Ponderosa Farms, Inc. and Landco Pacific Corporation entered into an agreement to turn the flower production venture into the Ponderosa Leisure Farms, a flower garden resort.

It will feature flower and ornamental demo gardens with a commercial center, marketplace and outdoor dining soon.

Alfred Xerez-Burgos III, Landco's vice president and group head of Leisure Farms, said Ponderosa was the first development to combine a garden community with residential resort features.

Ponderosa Leisure Farms can be reached through Carmona or from the Sta. Rosa exit. Call 8078754 local 375 or 387.



IBP to sue violators of environment laws

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

SOME 30 officials and members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) led by president Joel Cadiz are "ready to file civil, administrative and criminal cases" against violators of the Clean Air Act and Solid Waste Management Law.

Aside from the Clean Air Act of 1999 and the Solid Waste Management Act of 2001, the IBP lawyers cite about 130 more environment-related laws ("Our books overflow with environmental laws") which are languishing "in the sickbed of non-compliance."

The IBP issued a warning to barangay and other local government officials that it would lend free legal assistance to concerned citizens who would file administrative, civil and criminal cases against violators of the Solid Waste Management Law. The warning was issued particularly in connection with the nationwide search for a model barangay, with the criteria including proper implementation of the law.

According to Antonio S. Oposa, environmental lawyer and national chair of the IBP Environmental Team: "We are sending a message to all local officials to begin seriously implementing the law or face multiple lawsuits during the election season. *Mamili na kayo—premyo o kaso?*"

The IBP lawyers remind citizens that despite the Clean Air Act, there are still many smoke-belching vehicles. They say they are preparing multimillion lawsuits against smoke-belchers. The lawyers are particularly concerned because of a World Bank study showing that continued air pollution in the country is costing "some $400 million in health-related expenses."

Lawsuits against environmental violators? That would be great! Government officials better beware. If found guilty, they couldn't run for office again!

Cycle for clean air

Two other groups concerned with air quality are the Firefly Brigade in Metro Manila and the Apex Club in Iloilo City. In September, they organized over 700 cyclists (400 in Metro Manila, 300 in Iloilo City) in observance of World Car-Free Day. The cyclists tried to raise public awareness of pollution caused by cars. The activity was endorsed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Coordinating the activity were Dinna Dayao, the Firefly Brigade's advocacy and campaigns officer, and Gilly Dulalia for Apex Club. The cyclists pointed out that, apart from emitting toxic fumes, cars caused traffic jams, loss of productivity, decline of tourism and foreign investment, not to mention damage to vegetation and noise.

SOME 100 hectares of mangroves, like these, in Maqueda Bay have been reforested with the help of Festival of Trees.

FISHING is a major source of livelihood for Maqueda Bay folk. Through funds raised by the Makati Garden Club and Philippine Business for Social Progress, fishermen learn new technology and alternative livelihoods.

Festival of Trees

The Makati Garden Club (MGC) and the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) have been working together for nine years to assist depressed communities, usually coastal areas.

Although community problems are economic, assistance is often extended through environmental enhancement to ensure people have sufficient resources for their livelihoods. Training is given in better technology, conservation of the natural resource from which income is derived, and teaching of other skills to add to family incomes.

Maqueda Bay in Samar, one of the country's poorest provinces, is a regular recipient of MGC-PBSP assistance.

In 1994, MGC and PBSP provided training to the fisherfolk and their families on better methods of fishing and new skills to augment family income. PBSP set up the Samar Resource Management Program (SRMP), which undertook such projects as mangrove and upland reforestation, community building and technology replication.

The PBSP (it initiates projects and the MGC raises funds) reports that more than 500 families have so far increased their monthly incomes through marine and agricultural livelihood projects.

Six marine protected areas have reportedly been established as breeding grounds for fish while more than 95 hectares of mangrove areas have been reforested.

Funds are continuously being raised from local and international sources, the most well-known being the annual pre-Christmas event called "Festival of Trees." In this festival, elegantly decorated Christmas trees and works of art are donated by well-known artists, designers and other professionals (most of whom create the objects or art pieces themselves) and sold.

This year's affair, which will have a Maria Clara theme for a touch of nostalgia, will be held Nov. 20 at the Manila Polo Club, Forbes Park, Makati.

For more information, contact the Festival of Trees secretariat, 5277741 to 51 or e-mail foto@pbsp.org.ph .

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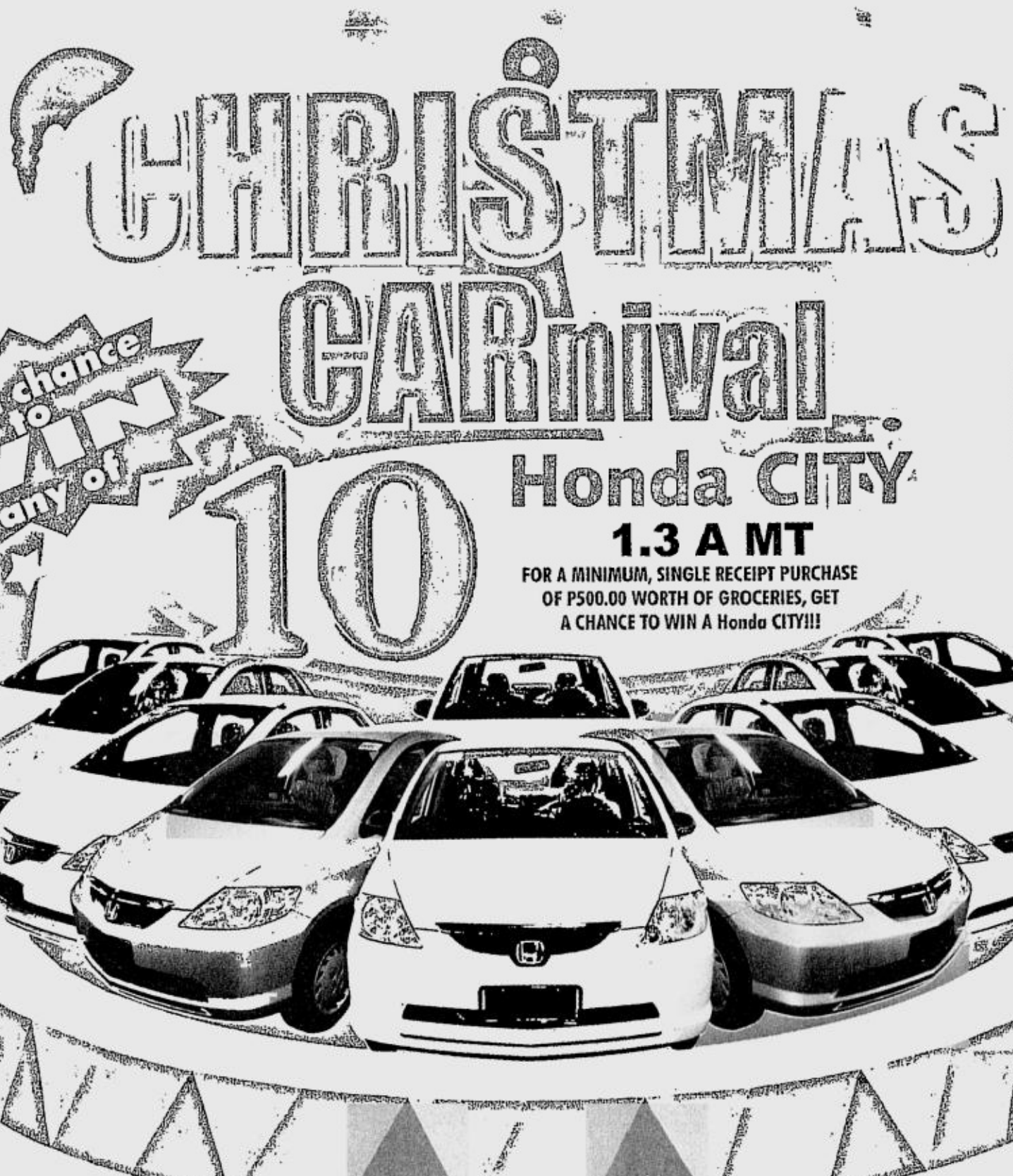

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PictBridge

New technology for the digital age

By Joel V. Nigos

THOUGH the introduction of digital imaging has proven to be helpful in faster printing and in producing higher quality photos, the technology has not been maximized due to barriers posed by the need for a PC or the compatibility of various brands of digital cameras and printers for printing use.

Canon initially offered solutions to the problem by introducing direct digital camera printing in 2001. This means that one can print directly from a digital camera without the need for a PC.

Now comes PictBridge, the latest technology introduced by Canon in the digital imaging business. PictBridge is an industry standard for the transferring of digital imaging files that will allow users to conveniently connect digital cameras or digital video camcorders to photo printers for fast photo printing regardless of which manufacturer the devices come from, as long as the equipment are all PictBridge compliant.

The technology adheres to stringent guidelines set by the CIPA (Camera and Imaging Products Association) standard body based in Japan. The standard was first announced by Canon in December 2002 together with a few other major digital imaging device manufacturers. Since then, more than 20 manufacturers have applied for their products to be PictBridge enabled.

Tremendous benefits

PictBridge offers tremendous benefits for consumers and vendors alike. It ensures compatibility across digital still cameras, digital video cameras and printers. It also enables users to easily perform operations using the camera, regardless of brand. This gives consumers the flexibility and simplicity to create high-quality photos. For the vendors, this is expected to spur further growth in the digital imaging industry as wider choices are given to consumers through PictBridge-compliant products and solutions. And since only the application layer is specified in PictBridge, vendors can easily adopt the standard. In addition, it is also possible to expand PictBridge to other interfaces beyond USB in the future.

Clear goals

There are very clear goals set by the companies in setting the PictBridge standard. Some of these are: Enable quick printing of images by getting printers to communicate with the digital still cameras in a common language; provide a way for customers to have a very easy to use solution; implement a standard that will provide for wide interoperability; create a standard that can be easily adopted; the specification must be independent of the physical interface or transport layer protocol, and; the standard must allow for future enhancements that will contribute and continue to build a digital photo culture.

It ensures compatibility across digital still cameras, digital video cameras and printers

A Canon bubble jet printer for every user

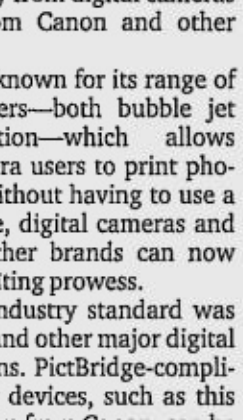
AS CANON introduces PictBridge, now an industry standard for printing digital photos, it is also bringing in the first PictBridge-compliant bubble jet printers which prints directly from digital cameras and videocams from Canon and other brands.

Canon has been known for its range of direct photo printers—both bubble jet and dye-sublimation—which allows Canon digital camera users to print photographs directly without having to use a PC. With PictBridge, digital cameras and videocams from other brands can now ride on Canon's printing prowess.

The PictBridge industry standard was initiated by Canon and other major digital imaging corporations. PictBridge-compliant digital imaging devices, such as this new range of printers from Canon, can be connected to and "communicate" with digital cameras and videocams of any brand, as long as they are PictBridge-enabled. This new standard translates into greater choice for users and will certainly spur the adoption of digital imaging.

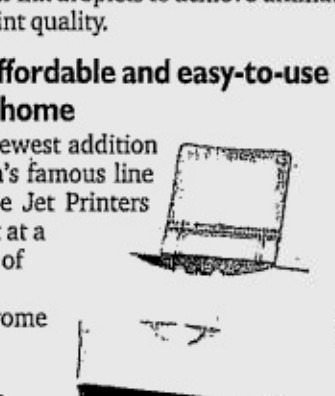
Canon's five new bubble jet printers—i455, i475D, i560, i865 and i905D—offer high-quality prints of up to 4,800 dpi resolution, delivering ultra-fine 2 picoliter ink droplets to achieve ultimate photo print quality.

i455: Affordable and easy-to-use for the home



This newest addition to Canon's famous line of Bubble Jet Printers can print at a speed of 18ppm monochrome and 12ppm color. A brilliant 4"x6" image is ready in just 93 seconds while a beautifully natural A4-size photo is complete in only three minutes. And with Canon's New MicroFine Droplet Technology producing microscopic 2pl ink droplets and a resolution of 4800 x 1200 dpi, images are exceptionally detailed. In addition, you can print directly from any Canon digital cameras, as well as any digital camera that supports PictBridge technology.

i475D: With professional features found in Canon's most advanced printers



This new printer offers many professional features found in Canon's most advanced printers. Its 4-in-1 card slot lets you print images directly from six memory card types. You can also print directly from any PictBridge compatible digital camera and digital video camcorder. It can print at a speed of 18ppm monochrome and 12 ppm color and has a 4800 x 1200 dpi resolution with the New MicroFine Droplet Technology.

i560: Wastes no ink for home and small office

Canon's i560 Bubble Jet Printer makes printing photos at home truly a wonderful experience. This i560 model comes with

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Now you can print direct from Canon's new CP-200 & CP-300 PictBridge compatible photo printers.

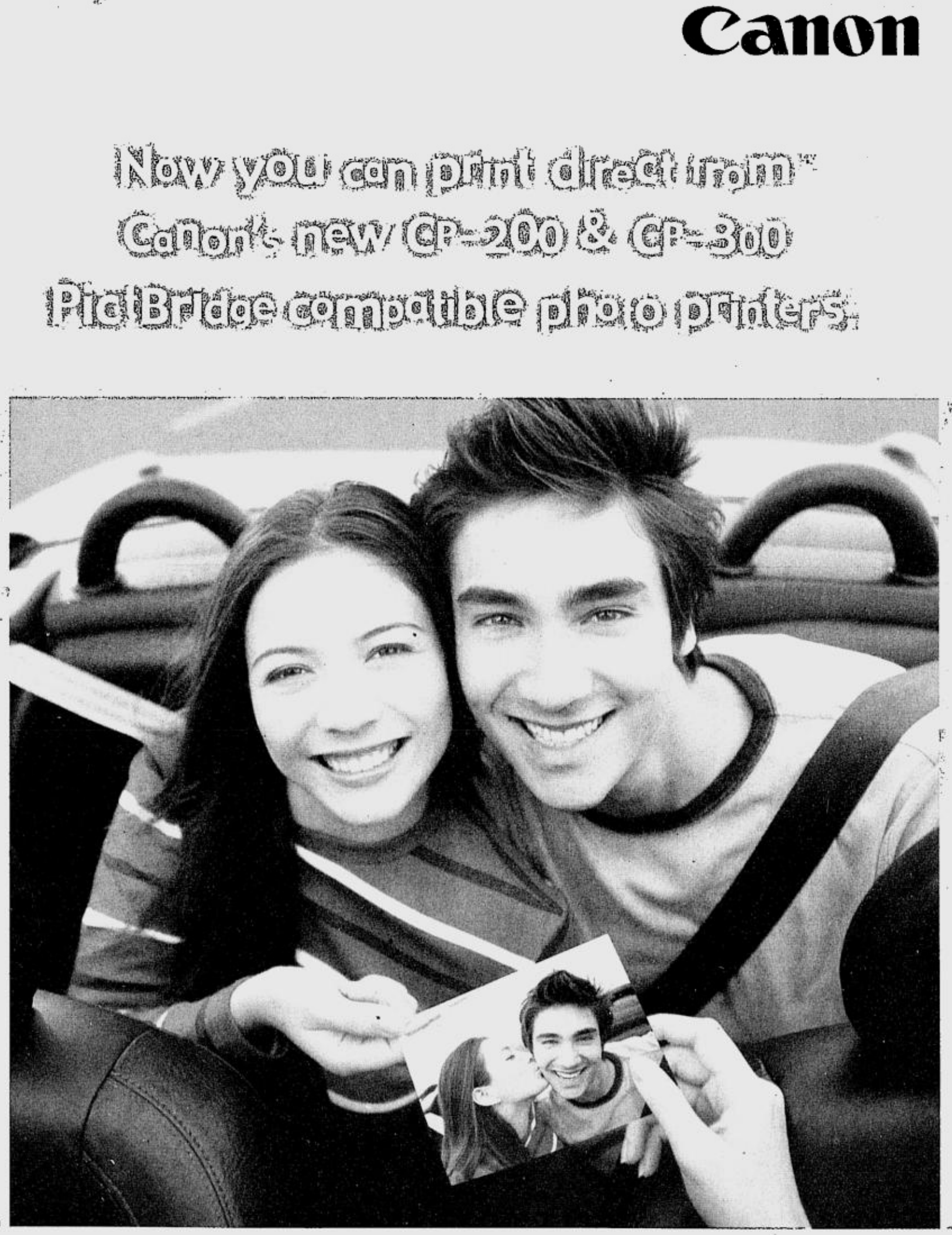

Photo printing just got easier with Canon's fantastic new Camera Direct photo printers. Created to add fun to any party, the portable CP-200 and CP-300 lets you see the photos you've taken instantly, in the form of beautiful prints just bursting with vibrant colours.

Simply snap a picture, connect your PictBridge compatible camera (of any brand) to the CP-200 or CP-300, press start and voila! One beautiful 4R, 3R, card or mini sticker label size print in less than 85 seconds. Every one of them laminated for protection against water spills, especially at wild pool parties! The CP-300 even comes with a rechargeable battery pack, for extended family fun time. So if you can't wait to see your photos, then don't.

Visit your nearest authorised Canon dealer today and discover how fun, fast and easy it is to print photos yourself, no matter where you are.

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Dye sublimation process

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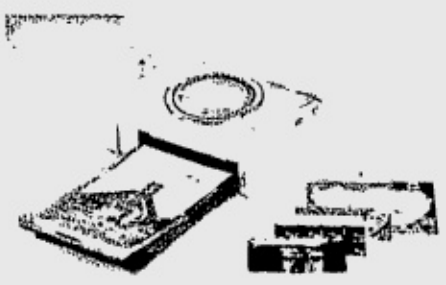
CANON PHOTO PRINTERS

It's fast, practical and a lot of fun!

By Joel V. Nigos

THIS was how we do photography of old. We shoot photos until a roll of film is completed, visit a photo shop to have it developed, then wait for an hour or two, and voila, we see our photos!



In today's digital age, that seems to be like a very complicated process. One of the benefits of digital photography is the ability to see your photos immediately after taking them-even after just one picture!

Two years ago, Canon introduced the camera direct print system, which enabled Canon digital camera owners to print their photos immediately after taking them. This made shooting and printing photos fast, practical and a lot of fun!

Seeing direct photo printing as the digital future, Canon again announces two new, compact-dye sublimation direct photo printers designed to work with Canon digital camera models featuring camera direct printing capability. Similar to the very successful Canon CP-100 in performance, the new CP-300 and CP-200 printers are more compact and more affordable.

CP-300: Slick style, fully portable operation

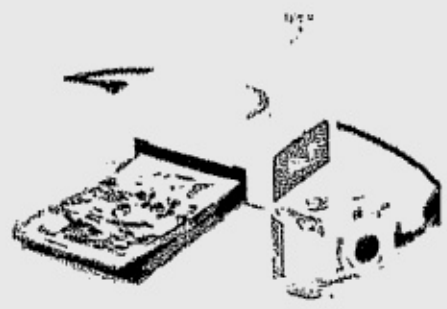
The new CP-300 is nearly 40 percent smaller and 130 grams lighter than the Canon CP-100 and sports a new, metallic-look silver exterior similar to the exterior color tone of Canon's latest digital camera models. It operates on AC power and can also accommodate a Canon NB-CP1L rechargeable battery for totally portable operation. On battery power, up to 36 postcard-sized prints and up to 72 credit card-sized prints can be produced. An optional accessory is a car battery cable which you can connect for car power.

The CP-300 enables the user to shoot, view and print digital photos anytime, anywhere. Imagine being able to print photos on the beach, on top of a mountain, even on a tour bus while you and your friends are journeying from one picture-taking site to the next.

It is compatible with all Canon digital cameras and can also be connected to a PC. Photo enthusiasts can explore their creativity as special effects from the computer can be applied on the photos before printing.

CP-200: High quality prints at an entry-level price

As lower-priced Canon digital cameras enter the main-stream of consumer purchases, such as the recently introduced Canon A300 and Canon Powershot A60 and A70 models, Canon sees a need to provide owners of these cameras with the same direct printing convenience at a price in line with their camera investment.



The CP-200 is slightly smaller and offers the same printing quality and same size options as the CP-300; it features a white-toned, bright exterior finish. The major difference that allows it to be offered at a lower price point is it operates on AC line current only. This makes it very ideal for home use because you don't need to go to a photo shop for developing. You can actually print even just a picture.

Rivals photo lab quality, durability

Both new Canon printers feature 300x300-dpi resolution using a dye sublimation thermal print method of applying Yellow, Magenta and Cyan colors to specially prepared Canon photo paper. For high color fidelity and photo-realism, 256 levels per color can be applied. Users can enjoy watching the additive process in action, as a different color is applied with each pass of the photo paper through the printer body. During a fourth and final pass, a fast-drying protective coating is applied to the surface of the prints giving them high quality and durability comparable to prints produced in a commercial photo laboratory. The photo that comes out is a laminated photo which makes it both waterproof and scratchproof.

Both models produce prints in three basic sizes: postcard size (or nearly 4"x6"), L size (119x89 mm), and credit card size (86x54 mm). As an added convenience, Canon supplies packages of paper and ink in each standard size plus special 8-piece sticker sheets the size of the credit card media as well as credit card-sized photo labels. Postcard size prints take 85 seconds, L size prints 70 seconds, and credit card-sized prints take 40 seconds to produce. Prints from both photo printers can be handled immediately.

Simple and practical

Other than access to the chambers that hold ink ribbon and paper trays, and a power on-off switch, Canon's new printers have no controls and require no attention from the user. Once connected to a Canon digital camera via a dedicated cable, a print menu appears automatically on the camera's LCD display. Users can then make their photo selection, choose print quantity, bordered or borderless prints and even trimming functions can be controlled directly from the camera, without the aid of a computer. DPOF standards are supported as well.

New era of self-printing

Canon believes the growing popularity of the digital camera will lead to changes in people's behavior and expectations. Though many photo outlets now offer photo printing direct from CF and SD cards from digital cameras, the immediacy and fun of printing pictures by themselves would be truly a new photographic experience.

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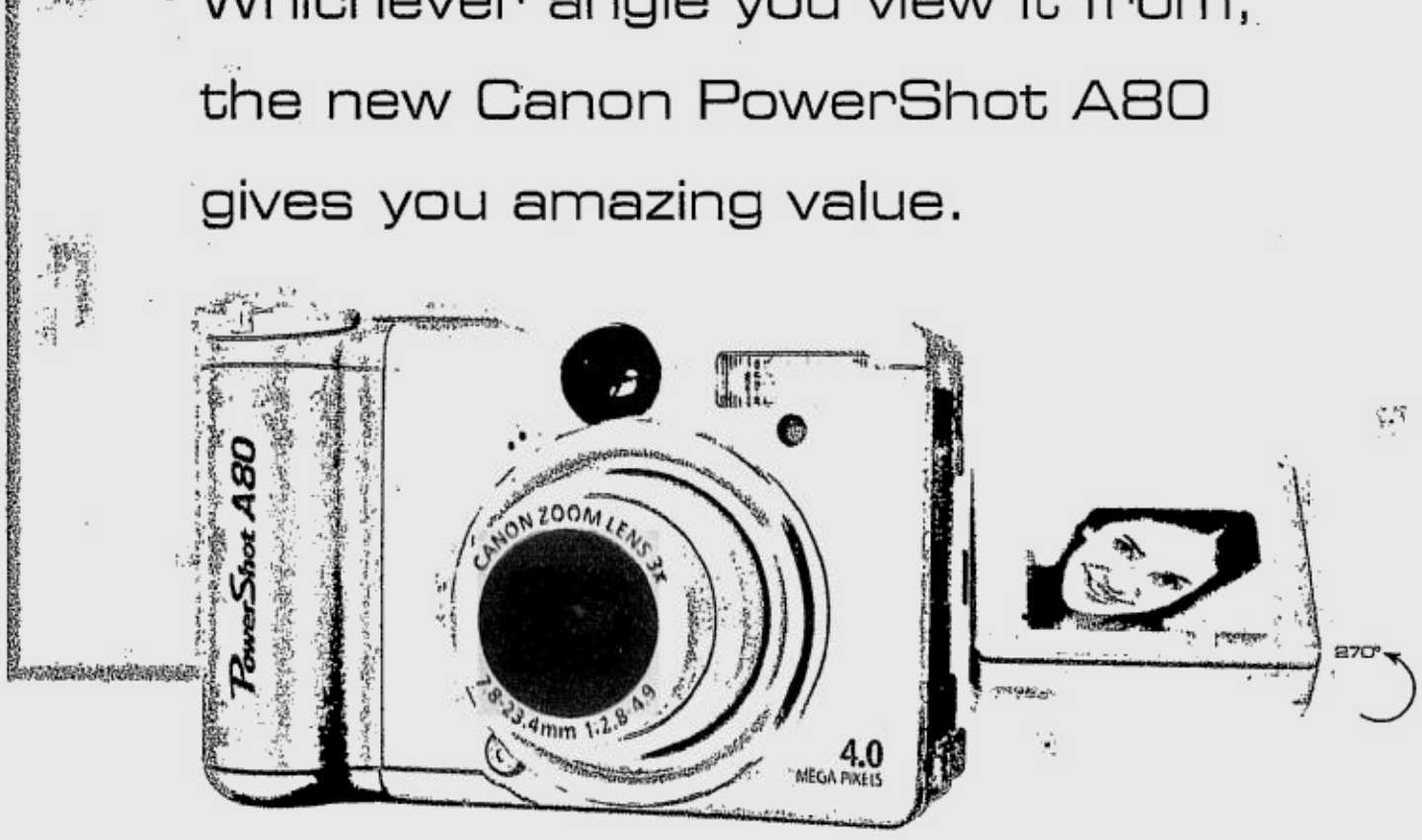
Whichever angle you view it from, the new Canon PowerShot A80 gives you amazing value.



Contained within the new Canon PowerShot A80's gleaming metal case are the most advanced Canon camera technologies and features usually found only in high-end cameras. Not only is it compact and easy to use, it's affordable too. So get the PowerShot A80 now and create lively, memorable images straight out of the box!

Check out all the fabulous features you'll get!

- High-resolution 4 megapixel CCD
- High-speed 3x optical zoom/3.6x digital zoom
- Vari-Angle LCD Monitor for different shooting angles
- Sharp and precise 9-point AIAF system for accurate focus
- Enhanced movie mode
- Wide choice of PhotoEffects
- Intelligent Orientation Sensor to adjust your photos automatically during downloading
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A Canon bubble jet printer . ..

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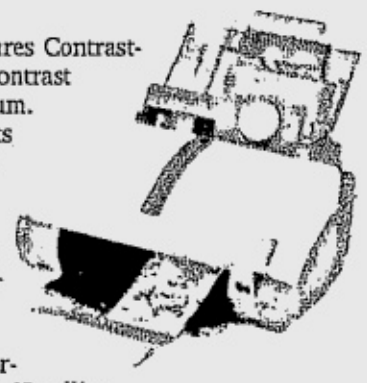
various photo enhancement technologies, such as Vivid Photo and Photo Noise Reduction, which improves the quality of digital photos as they are printed. It prints as fast as 22ppm monochrome and 15 ppm color. The high-speed is achieved even with high-quality photo printing on Photo Paper Pro, taking approximately 100 seconds for 8"x10" images. It also incorporates PictBridge, a new standard that allows any digital camera or camcorder to be directly connected.

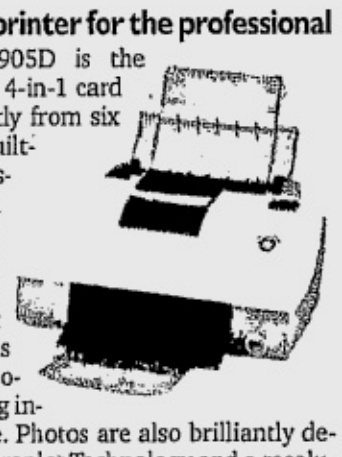
i865: The perfect photo-cum-business printer



The new Canon i865 features Contrast-PLUS, which improves contrast across the entire color spectrum. It is the fastest printer in its class at 23ppm monochrome and 16ppm color. This printer also features Canon's New MicroFine Droplet Technology and Advanced Precision Distribution Technology. It also supports PictBridge. The i865 also offers high-speed borderless printing and Flex Media Handling which gives a greater variety of media and printing options.

CD-R Printing Unit allows you to quickly and easily print labels for CD-Rs and DVDs. With Photo Paper Tray, you can load plain paper and 4"x6" photo paper at the same time, so you don't have to switch each time you use them. Two-sided printing is also possible through Auto Duplex Printing while Paper Feed Cassette holds up to 250 sheets of plain paper giving you a capacity of up to 400 sheets when the auto sheet feeder is also loaded with plain paper.

i905D: The efficient photo printer for the professional



The new 6-color Canon i905D is the quintessential photo printer! Its 4-in-1 card slot lets you print images directly from six memory card types, while the built-in LCD viewer conveniently displays memory-card images and Card Direct settings. It is also ultra fast as a 4"x6" borderless photo is printed at approximately 75 seconds and A4 print in about 150 seconds. It supports the universal PictBridge technology and is packed with cost-saving innovations and creative software. Photos are also brilliantly detailed with the New MicroFine Droplet Technology and a resolution of 4800 x 1200 dpi. With Photo Paper Tray, you can load plain paper and 4"x6" photo paper at the same time. Its CD-R Printing Unit also allows you to quickly and easily print labels for CD-Rs and DVDs.

Other advanced features

All these new Bubble Jet Printers support Exif Print 2.2 which stores the photographer's settings and enables the printer to print according to photographer's intention. They also offer other advanced features such as "Photo Noise Reduction" that automatically removes unwanted "noise" which come about mainly from low-resolution pictures or higher ISO settings. These printers come bundled with software solutions such as ZoomBrowser Ex 4.5, Easy Photo Print 2.0, Easy Web Print 2.0, Easy Photo Print Plus and Photo Record 2.0 that can help users to easily edit and print the photos of their choice. *Joel V. Nigos*

Canon

New intelligent digital cameras from Canon

By Joel Nigos

CANON, one of the leaders in the digital imaging business, now introduces its new set of digital cameras in addition to its popular existing line. These are intelligent digital cameras which can evaluate situations to produce enhanced digital images.

For this new set of digital cameras—PowerShot G5, Digital Ixus II, Digital Ixus i and PowerShot A80—Canon is providing a complete line from the entry level, to the ultra compact, to the higher-end consumer line, up to the professional.

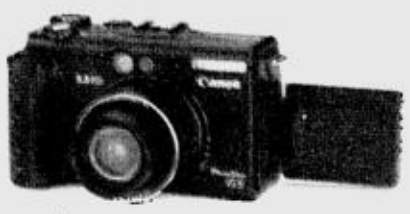
All of them are powered by Digic, the in-house digital imaging processor developed by Canon. Through the Digic, all the factors that affect image quality are enhanced.

The Digic is like the brain of a person. It evaluates the smaller details of the image thereby giving better emotional tones of the color. It makes the photos more vibrant, eliminates the production of noise, and doesn't wash out the colors as it adjusts the exposure especially during dark situations.

Since Canon is a leader in lens manufacturing, it complements very well with the Digic to create great images.

All Canon digital cameras are camera direct printing compatible, a technology which Canon pioneered.

PowerShot G5



The new PowerShot G5 features a high-resolution, 5.0 megapixel CCD and an ultra-fast 4x optical zoom lens. This is the highest resolution offered to date in a Canon compact digital camera.

It sports a new all-black body design with refined controls that hint at the advanced technology inside, has wide-aperture (f2.0) 4x optical zoom lens and solid, 410 gram ergonomically designed body.

The G5 was designed with SLR quality and flexibility built in to meet the needs of any shooting situation.

It is also packaged with a complete set of useful software, including image storage and editing, video editing (for its three-minute movie mode), PhotoStitch software allowing two or more images to be combined into panoramas, and Canon's File Viewer Utility software for viewing, editing and handling RAW images. Both PC and MAC platforms are also supported. It also has additional accessories like teleconverter lens or wide-angle lens.

Ixus II

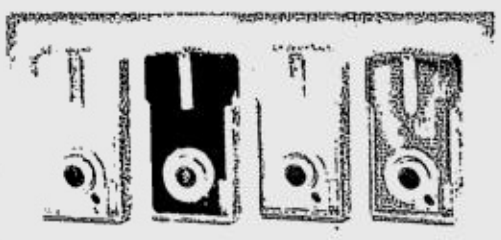
This new Digital Ixus II is small enough and light enough to be carried everywhere but precison-engineered to deliver sharp, clear images with full color fidelity.

Sporting a new platinum white finish, the Digital Ixus II retains all of these features and functions, and amazingly includes even more, in a brand new body design than can hide behind the original camera. The new all-metal casing measures just 85 x 56 x 23.9 mm and weighs just 165 grams.

It uses an SD card instead of the larger Compact Flash (CF) memory cards. A newly designed SD Controller in the Digic processor maximizes the performance of the SD card, enabling high-speed transfer and storage of files produced by the 3.2 megapixel CCD.

Compatible for direct photo printers and all card photo and Bubble Jet direct photo printers. It has an LCD monitor where users cam control all print functions—photo selection, print quantity, bordered or borderless prints and image trimming.

Digital Ixus i



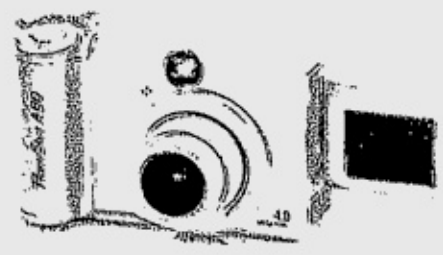
The digital Ixus i is available in four elegant colors—silver, black, bronze and white.

This camera is super slim, extremely compact and designed to be carried in a shirt or jacket pocket.

It also boasts of a powerful 4.0 megapixel CCD and the Digic imaging processor for truly outstanding performance. The sharp, full-color images are displayed on a 1.5-inch low-temperature polycrystalline silicon TFT LCD monitor which also displays shooting and playback menus in the users' choice of twelve languages. It also features 5.7 digital zoom, provides up to three minutes of motion video recording with sound.

It also has a Quick Shot function, which fits best active people on the go, a Direct Print mode, and is also PictBridge-compliant. It also features a clock display mode.

PowerShot A80



The new PowerShot A80 has a 4.0-megapixel resolution and 3x optical zoom lens for improved performance.

This newest model is lightweight, easy to use and hold, and designed to withstand the rigors of daily picture-taking.

It also breaks new ground in the entry-level digital category with features that would be appreciated by experienced amateurs and even professional photographers. There are 14 shooting modes, including creative modes such as Shutter Priority AE, Aperture Priority AE; programmed image control modes such as Portrait, Landscape, Fast Shutter (sports), Night Scene; full manual control plus two Custom Shooting modes that allow the user to save preferred settings in memory for quick recall.

It also has a vari-angle LCD Monitor that can be extended from the camera back and rotated up to 270 degrees for convenient viewing. For precise manual focusing, it also provides a magnified focusing image and distance scale on the LCD.

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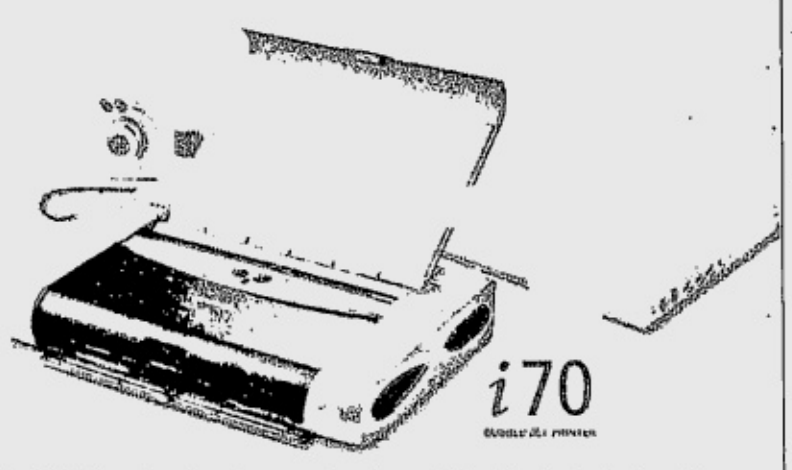

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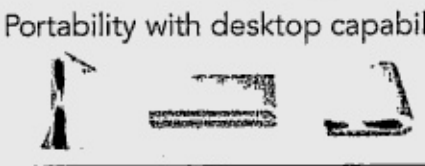

The Canon i70 Colour Bubble Jet printer is not just any printer. It's a portable printer that packs the performance punch of a desktop. Smaller than your briefcase and weighing only 1.8kg, the i70 rapidly produces mono prints at 13 ppm and colour at 9 ppm – all at an astonishing 4800 x 1200 dpi resolution. What's more, you can print direct from your Canon digital camera to the i70 and create gorgeous borderless photos, from 4R to A4 size. And with infra-red you can print wirelessly from your laptop. So pick up (and very easily too) a Canon i70 today.

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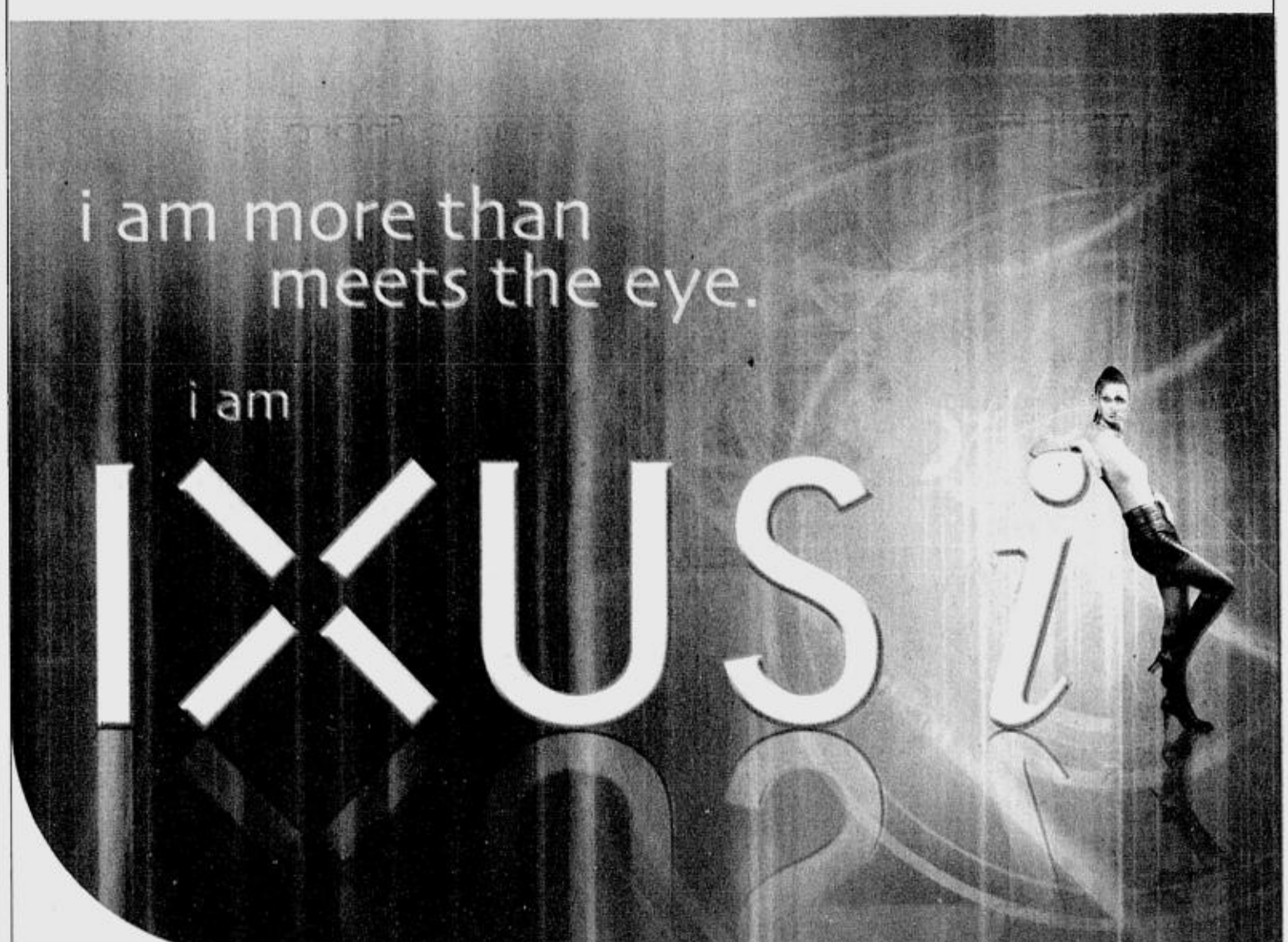

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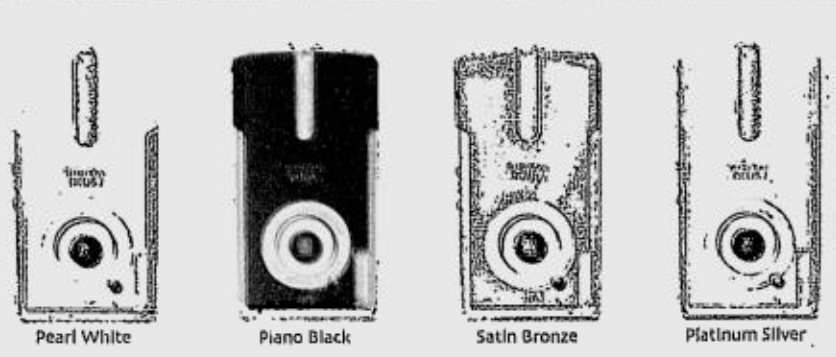

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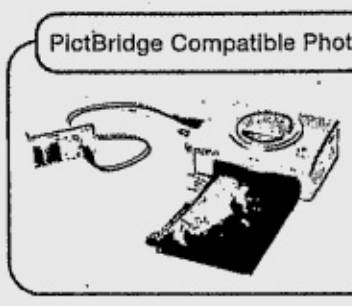

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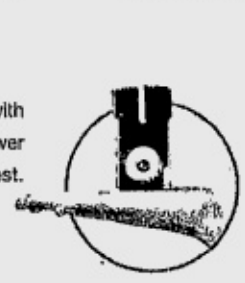

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Canon's new digital video camcorders boast of advanced features

COMPLETING the line of Canon's digital imaging products are the digital video camcorders. The new pocket-sized Optura 300, which has a 2.2-megapixel CCD and 10x optical zoom lens is perfect for travelers, young filmmakers and businessmen on the go. It delivers outstanding digital video and digital still photos—simultaneously if desired—yet measures just 52x118x102mm and weighs just 450 grams.

The Optura Xi, meanwhile, has a 2.2-megapixel resolution, 10x optical zoom lens with optical image stabilization and a host of technical advances that dramatically improve image quality and performance. It features a single, 1/3.4" 2.2 megapixel CCD with primary color filters. This is the highest resolution available in Canon's standard line of DV camcorders. Both Optura 300 and Optura Xi are PictBridge-compliant.

Also included in Canon's new line of digital video camcorders are the Optura 10, Optura 20 and Elura 50.

Optura Xi

Optura 300

Optura 10

Optura 20

Elura 50

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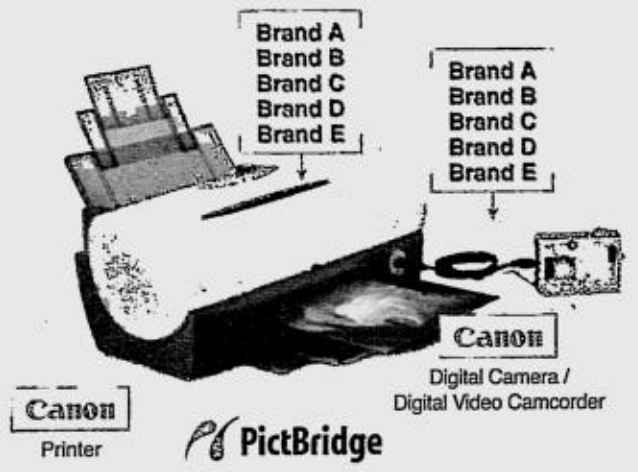

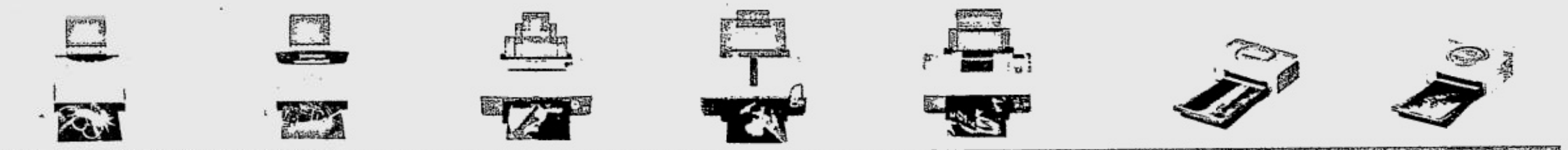

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Opposition bets in 2004 down to FPJ, Ping, Nene

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'Bad Boy of Dadiangas' finally meets his match

By Aquiles Z. Zonio
PDI Mindanao Bureau

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The "Bad Boy of Dadiangas" may have finally met his match. And it happens to be a woman.

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Retired officers recruiting for coup

Colonel says plot calls for seven-man junta

By Fe Zamora,
Inq7.net,
Juliet Javellana
and TJ Burgonio

A RETIRED commodore of the Philippine Navy has been identified as one of those going around military camps the past three weeks "recruiting" ranking commanders to join a plot to destabilize the Macapagal administration.

If it succeeds, the plot provides for a seven-man junta, one of the officers approached by the commodore told the INQUIRER Friday.

Yesterday, President Macapagal-Arroyo said that some groups were trying to overthrow her government by capitalizing on a raging constitutional crisis.

She warned that her government would use the full force of the law to stop the groups which she did not identify.

The officer, who heads one of the elite combat units based in a camp close to Manila, said the "recruiter" told him that a civilian official would head the junta, with four military men and three civilians as members.

The INQUIRER informant, who holds the rank of colonel, had asked that his name be withheld. He further said the recruitment "is very strong in Mindanao," where units from his command are also based.

The colonel said the retired commodore talked to him "some three weeks ago." He said the commodore was accompanied by a lawyer.

"He asked two questions. The first was what do you think of the situation of our country today? He also asked me if I was engaged in corruption," the officer said.

RETIRED/A4

FLAMING RAGE. The rage of protesters belonging to about 20 organizations, including the PMAP and the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc., roars up and down Ayala Avenue in Makati City. Burning effigies of President Macapagal and Chief Justice Davide, they demanded the resignation of the former and the impeachment of the latter. BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

'We have numbers, we'll force issue'

By Carlito Pablo
and Michael Lim Ubac

AT LEAST 120 congressmen will show up at the House on Monday to force the transmittal to the Senate of the Articles of Impeachment against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., a stalwart of the Nationalist People's Coalition said yesterday.

"We have the numbers. We will force the issue," said Rep. Harry Angping (Manila).

Asked what would happen to the coalition between the ruling Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats and the NPC should the transmittal be derailed through an alleged Lakas plan to prevent a quorum of at least 114 of the 226-member chamber, Angping said without elaborating: "If it becomes very bitter, we will weigh our options. *Ibang usapan na yan* (That'll be a different matter)."

NPC spokesperson Rep. Francis Escud-

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'Covenant' may make, break GMA political fate

By Carlito Pablo
and Philip C. Tubeza

THE rush is on for the covenant proposed by President Macapagal-Arroyo to be acceptable to the concerned parties to end the Davide impeachment crisis.

Because there's no two ways about it: Getting the House to support the proposed "covenant" will make or break the President's political future.

A key ally of the administration yesterday drew two stark scenarios in case not enough congressmen supported President Macapagal-Arroyo's proposed covenant for ending the Davide impeachment crisis. The President's political fortunes will suffer a "serious" downturn. And the ruling Lakas-NPC alliance in the House will collapse.

Rep. Florencio Abad (LP, Batanes) said the President would have to satisfy the groups supporting Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., the Nationalist People's Coalition which spearheaded his impeachment, and her own party. "Unless this happens, there will be serious political and electoral costs for her," said Abad, president of the Liberal Party.

Davide himself is inclined to accept the covenant, Supreme Court spokesperson Ismael Khan Jr. said yesterday.

"The Chief Justice has received a copy of the covenant. The draft presented to him appears to be acceptable. It does not compromise the independence of the judiciary," Khan said.

But pro-impeachment congressmen

COVENANT/A17

Brat Pack prepared to accept verdict

By Alcuin Papa

IT WAS the Brat Pack minus the bravado.

The lawmakers who initiated the second impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. admitted to INQUIRER editors and staff Thursday night that they would not fight the possible rejection of the complaint on the House floor when Congress resumes sessions on Monday.

"If the complaint is struck down in any way on the floor, we are ready for that, and we will accept that," said South Cotabato Rep. Darlene Antonino-Custodio.

Rizal Rep. Michael John "Jack" Duavit added that he and his colleagues were "prepared to be beaten down on the floor and appear to look stupid."

"We would accept the verdict and accept the decision of the House. We will accept our fate. [Our cause] might have been unpopular, but it's the truth," he said.

Amid speculation that the ruling Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats may try to abort the resumption of Monday's session Monday by ordering party members in the House not to attend, thereby

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ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

SIGHT TO BEHOLD
On the way to the troubled Spratlys aboard a Philippine Air Force Huey chopper (See story on Page A2), one gets a glimpse of the serenity of resource-rich Palawan.

Opposition bets in 2004 down to FPJ, Ping, Nene

By Christine O. Avendaño

BAGUIO CITY—The opposition's pool of prospective presidential candidates has shrunk by half, if opposition leader Sen. Edgardo Angara is to be believed.

Angara told reporters that businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr., Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan and freshman Sen. Noli De Castro were no longer in the united opposition's "selection pool."

This was because Cojuangco is no longer likely to run for president; Honasan has given up his presidential ambition to run for congressman in Bicol instead, and De Castro has declared that he was simply not an opposition candidate.

This leaves movie actor Fernando Poe Jr., Sen. Panfilo Lacson and Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. as the remaining contenders for opposition standard-bearer in the May 2004 polls.

But Angara, president of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, the largest political party in the country, conceded that Poe and Lacson "seemed to be the front runners" in the race.

"But I think anyone of them would make a better leader than the incumbent

OPPOSITION/A17

US firm to set up 1st solar cell plant in RP

US TECHNOLOGY firm Cypress Semiconductors will set up Southeast Asia's first wafer fabrication plant for solar cells in the Philippines in a move expected to fuel growth in the country's electronics industry.

It will also be the first wafer fabrication plant in the Philippines, signalling the country's graduation to higher-end electronics manufacturing activities, officials said.

Cypress Semiconductor's majority-

US/A17

MEN IN BLACK SHADES
The graduation of elements of the PNP and AFP trained by members of the US Joint Interagency Task Force West on Counter Drug Mission Fusion Piston (right photo) is held Friday in Sangley Point, Cavite City. Guests of honor are President Macapagal and US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone. VAL HANDUMON

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northern and Eastern Luzon will have rains. Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will have cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest ofthe country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.
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Tuguegarao	Rains	Cebu	Cloudy with rains
Laoag	Rains	Tacloban	Cloudy with rains
Clark Zone	Partly cloudy	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with rains
Tagaytay	Cloudy with rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with rains
Legazpi	Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with rains
Calapan	Cloudy with rains	Davao	Cloudy with rains

RP to protest China's latest move in Spratlys

By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and TJ Burgonio

THE PHILIPPINES will lodge a diplomatic protest with China after military reports indicated that Chinese research vessels and warships have been sighted in the disputed Spratly island chain in the South China Sea.

"If the report is true, it is a breach of the status quo agreement among the six countries, including the Philippines, that have signed a declaration on the conduct of parties in the South China Sea," President Macapagal-Arroyo said in a statement. *(See photos on Page A18)*

The President yesterday directed the Department of Foreign Affairs to file a diplomatic protest over the incident.

"I am directing the DFA to consult with the Department of National Defense and bring this issue to the diplomatic level as warranted. We will protect our interests under the law and our diplomatic covenants," Ms Macapagal said.

Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya announced on Thursday that the armed forces had monitored increased visits by Chinese research vessels and warships in the Spratlys as well as new markers on reefs not already occupied by rival claimants.

Vice Admiral Ruben Domingo, chief of the military's Western Command, told reporters on Thursday that the Chinese have installed markers on shoals and reefs in uninhabited parts of the Spratlys.

"They do it regularly," Domingo said, adding that the markers bore Chinese inscriptions that the military could not immediately decipher.

Domingo, Abaya and other senior military officials conducted an aerial inspection of the Kalayaan group of islands aboard a C-130 plane on Thursday morning.

During the overflight, the officials and a group of journalists spotted two ships moored at Mischief Reef.

Domingo said Chinese oceanographic ships "come in regularly" with navy frigates as "a show of force." Chinese ships were last seen in the area in September, he said.

The Philippines, China, Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam are all claimants to the Spratlys, a chain of islands in the South China Sea which are believed to sit on vast mineral resources.

China and the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations—including four of the Spratlys claimants which include Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam—signed a landmark accord in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in November 2002 calling on all the claimants to avoid actions which may heighten tensions there.

The accord over the area also covers the Scarborough Shoal, claimed by the Philippines and China, and the Paracel Islands, disputed by China and Vietnam.

Ms Macapagal said that China may have violated the international agreement that forbids building new structures on the disputed islands. *With reports from AFP, AP*

PROTESTERS prepare to burn the effigy of President Macapagal-Arroyo in a rally on Ayala Ave., Makati City, yesterday. They were mostly supporters of jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada demanding Ms Macapagal's resignation and the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. DENNIS SABANGAN

No nepotism here, say SC execs

By Philip C. Tubeza

SUPREME Court officials yesterday came to the defense of the two children of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. who are employed by the tribunal, insisting that "no conflict of interest" issue was involved.

They pointed out that previous Chief Justices also placed their children in "confidential" positions in the high court.

Assistant Court Administrator Ismael Khan Jr. said the practice ensures there would be no wrongdoing in the committees as the other members know the children would report back to their fathers.

"I don't see any conflict of interest," said Assistant Court Administrator Antonio Dujua, head of the bids and awards committee Davide's son, Joseph Bryan Hilary, serves on as vice chair. Bryan sits on six other SC committees.

Davide's daughter Noreen Davide-Salas heads the court's uniform committee.

Dujua said the committee assignments of Davide's children were just "additional duties" and were allowed by civil service rules. He added that their service to the court was co-terminus with that of their father.

Deputy Court Administrator Jose Perez said the public should disabuse itself of the perception that there is nepotism whenever the Chief Justice appoints his children or his relatives.

"It has become a tradition here that they appoint one or two of their children to confidential positions. Even if they appoint their whole family, that's okay," Perez said.

He said the late Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan had two of his children working for him at the court in confidential positions while former Chief Justice Andres Narvasa had three.

All three court officials said that the accusation of nepotism was malicious, unfair and unfounded.

"The trouble with that perception is that it does not jibe with the law," Dujua said.

Perez said that in Salas' case, the clothing allowance intended for employees is released not by her committee but by the court's Fiscal Management and Budget Office.

Pro, anti-Davide groups set nationwide mass actions on Monday

By Anselmo Roque and Tonette Orejas, *PDI Central Luzon Desk*, Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau* and Job Belen, *PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

SOME 120 court employees in Nueva Ecija will go on mass leave starting Monday while 200 employees in Legazpi City will stage a sit-down strike to drum up support for the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

Dante Tesoro, president of Regional Trial Courts Employees Association of Nueva Ecija, said they decided to go on mass leave to support the clamor for reforms and reconstruction in the judiciary.

Tesoro said they want an inquiry into the disbursement of the Judiciary Development Fund, the abolition of the law granting special allowances to justices and regional trial courts using the JDF, and the removal of unfit and corrupt court personnel.

He said mass action was the only available remedy to air their grievances.

In Legazpi City, some 200 court employees of the city's Hall of Justice vowed to stage a sit-down strike on Monday.

Angelica Clemente, president of the Philippine Association of Court Employees-Legazpi chapter (Pace) said they would go to work on Monday but would just sit inside their offices.

"We are not so much concerned with Davide's impeachment because it is not in our interest but our grievances should be heard," Clemente said.

Clemente, in a red shirt along with some other employees, added that without them, the rank and file employees, the courts would not function. "Why are we being taken for granted by the Supreme Court?" she said.

Red is the color of those supporting impeachment.

In Pangasinan, various groups in the province will join the nationwide mass actions to protest the impeachment proceedings against Davide.

The groups, headed by Agco, will stage a rally to show their objection to the impeachment which, they said, will "create a constitutional crisis, cause more destabilization in the country and make the poor poorer." Agco is a multi-sectoral group headed by Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz.

The groups, however, said they do not oppose the investigation of the alleged misuse of the JDF.

Cruz, in a circular letter, called on the people to "pray to the good Lord to heal our land, unite our people and enlighten our legislators."

In Pampanga, Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon said the crisis brought about by the impeachment complaint is hurting the economy because it is fanning international perception that corruption is prevalent in high places, especially the courts.

"It is doing us harm because it is showing that our country is unstable," Gordon said in a cable television interview.

Gordon said foreign officials and international business leaders expressed dismay and worry over the impeachment of Davide.

In Tabaco City, some 80 court employees will wear ragged clothes as a sign of their protest.

In Cebu City, court employees finally broke their silence and started expressing their stand on the JDF.

Some employees of the Cebu City Regional Trial Court wore red shirts yesterday amid calls by court officials to refrain from conducting protest actions until the Pace in Central Visayas issues its official stand.

But Lilibeth Denupol, a receiving clerk, clarified that their wearing red did not mean they were supporting the move to impeach Davide. *With reports from Jolene Bulambot, Jhunnex Napallacan and Suzzane Salva, PDI Visayas Bureau, and Martin Marfil*

Tale of 2 impeachments recounted in arguments

By Michael Lim Ubac

A FORMER lawyer of ex-President Joseph Estrada tried to revisit the aborted impeachment trial of the deposed leader during oral arguments at the Supreme Court yesterday on the legality of the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

Estelito Mendoza, former solicitor general and Estrada counsel, pointed out that Estrada did not go running to the high tribunal when the House impeached him in 2000.

Acting as a friend of the court, Mendoza argued that the high court should not intervene in Davide's case as it had no jurisdiction over the impeachment process.

He claimed that his client Estrada did not invoke the power of judicial review when the Senate, sitting as an impeachment court, decided to junk Estrada's motion to quash the Articles of Impeachment.

He said there was an "apparent double standard" now, with the Davide impeachment set to be aborted "not by means provided for in the Constitution" but through Supreme Court proceedings.

"[Estrada] followed the constitutional processes. At no instance did he come to the court [to question] the adverse ruling of the impeachment court believing, in my view, that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction to intrude into the impeachment proceedings," Mendoza said.

He asked the high tribunal not to intervene as the SC itself was a party to the controversy, describing Davide as "a first among equals, the brethren of this court, whatever the court does will be subject to some questions."

But the justices were not about to let Mendoza rewrite history. They asked him why he did not advise his then client Estrada to go to the high court.

Caught off-guard, Mendoza reasoned out that it was a matter of legal strategy. He admitted that he was hoping that Estrada would be acquitted in the Senate.

The Senate was dominated by the Estrada administration coalition at the time.

Associate Justice Dante Tinga bluntly told Mendoza that he "could have done the country a great favor" if he had filed a petition questioning the Estrada impeachment. The high tribunal would have had a precedent on which to base its ruling in the present situation, Tinga said.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., although not agreeing entirely with Mendoza's theory, also told the justices that the Supreme Court did not have jurisdiction over impeachment cases.

Pimentel said the situation now was entirely different from that of Estrada.

"I don't think the impeachment of the Chief Justice would be decided along party lines," said Pimentel, who assured the justices that Davide would be given a fair trial in the Senate impeachment court.

"Gone are the senators [who tried Estrada]. There is a new set of senators who were not there during the Estrada trial," he said.

"Thank you for that assurance," one of the justices told him.

WB, fund agencies upbeat on peace in South

COTABATO CITY—Multilateral funding agencies led by the World Bank are happy with the "comprehensive and inclusive approach" being taken by the government in the ongoing peace process in Mindanao.

Robert Vance Pulley, the WB's Philippine director, cited the government's prioritizing of the issue of ancestral domain, stakeholder consultations, the involvement of civil society in setting up zones of peace, and the activation of local monitoring teams.

Pulley, with other donors' representatives, recently attended a meeting of the Mindanao Technical Working Group on the Cessation of Hostilities in Davao City. His remarks were contained in a press statement released last week.

Pulley said foreign donor countries were encouraged by the prospect of a final peace agreement with the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front being signed "if not within the year, before the elections in May 2004."

The donors noted that a similarly complementary approach should be used for post-conflict assistance, starting with demobilization, disarmament and re-integration side by side with reconstruction and development.

This will help avert the formation of splinter groups and help ensure that "peace is more fully owned and thus more sustainable," he said.

In the statement, Pulley said both donors and the government noted that post-conflict assistance should be built on the lessons of the peace agreement concluded with the Moro National Liberation Front in 1996, as well as the experiences of projects undertaken successfully under post-conflict situations in other countries.

MILF committed

MILF chair Ebrahim Murad, meanwhile, said the resumption of the stalled peace talks with the government was uncertain but the MILF central committee remained committed to a peaceful and acceptable solution to the Mindanao conflict.

"Honest-to-goodness peace talks is the only practical, civilized and diplomatic option left, in lieu of an escalation of the fighting, in achieving a comprehensive political settlement of the centuries-old Bangsamoro problem," Murad, who chairs the MILF's central decision-making body, said in a statement.

No date yet

Lawyer Michael Mastura, a member of the MILF peace panel, said Malaysian authorities had yet to set a date for the talks.

Spokesperson Eid Kabalu said this could be due to the recent leadership change in Kuala Lumpur, with Mahathir Mohamad retiring and being replaced by Abdullah Badawi as prime minister.

He said Abdullah had expressed full support for the peace process before he was installed, "so there's no problem about that."

Mastura blamed the government's alleged non-compliance with a supposed commitment to withdraw forces from former MILF-identified areas like the Buliok complex and the dropping of criminal charges against MILF leaders.

According to Ghazali Jaafar, the MILF vice chair for political affairs, Malaysia has committed to send a ceasefire monitoring team.

Once the team reports to Malaysia on the compliance with certain interim peace agreements between the MILF and the government, the talks would immediately resume, he said.

He described these as a set of guidelines to set the course for the formal peace negotiations.

The Muslim leaders said they are preparing to assume the responsibilities of governance once a peace accord is signed and implemented.

Jaafar said the MILF has called on Muslims to be ready to assume the reins of government once a transfer of authority is effected. *Rosa-May V. de Guzman and Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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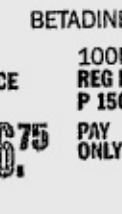

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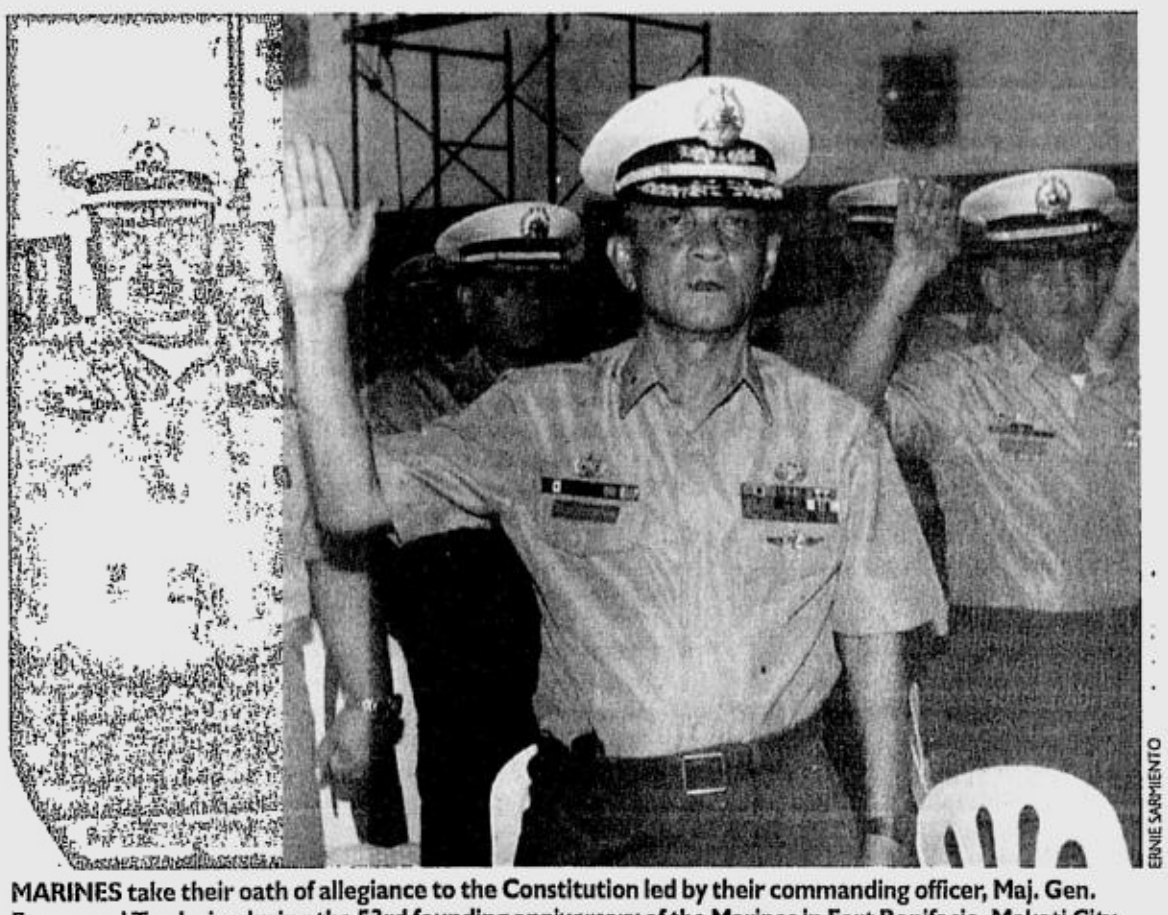
MILITARY honors for President Macapagal at the graduation rites of the Counter Drug Mission Fusion Piston at Sangley Point in Cavite City. VAL HANDUMON



ERNIE SARMIENTO

MARINES take their oath of allegiance to the Constitution led by their commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Teodosio, during the 53rd founding anniversary of the Marines in Fort Bonifacio, Makati City.

Retired officers recruiting for coup

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"I told him that we still follow the chain of command. I cannot commit myself to any activity outside the chain of command," he said.

The officer, who has been in the service almost 30 years, said he could not commit his unit to an "illegal" activity.

"I cannot afford to lose the lives of my men. That's most difficult for any commander, " said the officer, who has fought both the Moro National Liberation Front and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Abaya's disclosure

The colonel's disclosure followed the statement of Armed Forces chief of staff Gen.l Narciso Abaya Jr. to the INQUIRER on Tuesday that certain personalities of different political persuasions had "apprised" him of the military's role as "protector of the people and the state" in times of crisis.

Abaya did not identify the persons who had talked to him.

Confirmation

But an INQ7.net source in the intelligence community confirmed the identity and the activities of the retired Navy official. "That's true. He is being monitored, along with several others," the source said.

Yesterday, presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye referred to Abaya's disclosure to the INQUIRER.

"As General Abaya has said, some people have told him about some rumblings but the President is confident that the armed forces hierarchy on the whole remain loyal to the government."

Bunye said he assumed that Abaya, having shared the sensitive information with the Inquirer, had reported the same information to the President.

Abaya was reportedly called to an emergency meeting yesterday afternoon, delaying by a few hours the Marines' 53rd anniversary celebration at Fort Bonifacio, Makati City, where Abaya was the guest speaker.

But Bunye said he was unaware of the Palace summons to Abaya.

But in an interview with the INQUIRER at Marine headquarters, Abaya said that fresh rumors of a coup were being fanned by reports of retired military officers recruiting soldiers.

Recycled stories

"These are recycled stories about retired officers going around and talking to soldiers. When we checked and we confronted some of them, they denied it," he said, but he declined to identify the retired officers.

"They're talking to our soldiers but it turned out that these were plain rumors. There's no confirmation that such a thing happened," he added during the interview.

Abaya admitted that he attended a meeting called by the Cabinet oversight committee on internal security in Malacañang on Friday afternoon, but said that the agenda did not include coup rumors.

Internal security meet

"It had something to do with the Balikatan exercises with the US. If you recall these were postponed. As a result of the visit of US President (George Bush), we are reviewing the terms of reference," he said.

Neither President Macapagal-Arroyo nor Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, head of the oversight committee, was present at the meeting, according to him.

Call for unity

In his speech at Marine headquarters, Abaya called on military officers and personnel to "remain united in action and spirit" in the wake of fresh speculations of a coup attempt.

Abaya also said that the military downgraded its alert status from red to white after noting that there was "no significant mass action."

"If there's need to re-declare it, we can easily do that," he added.

Destabilizing 'noise'

Asked what "noise" related to destabilization plots Malacañang has heard, Bunye said: "Well, the President is commander in chief and (she) has access to information that are vital for the security of our country. As commander in chief she has access to certain types of info that we don't normally have access to."

Defusing crisis

Ms Macapagal, who faces a presidential election in six months, is under pressure to defuse the crisis which has shaken business confidence and sparked fears military opportunists could use the standoff as a pretext for a coup attempt.

"If anyone attempts to turn this controversy into an illegitimate bid for political power, let them be forewarned," Ms Macapagal said Friday.

"We will preempt criminal conspiracies with the full force of the law," she said.

Full trust

She had full trust and confidence in Abaya and the rest of the military hierarchy, Malacañang said.

The President, in a speech at a meeting of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas, disclosed that she phoned Philippine National Police Chief Gen. Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. yesterday morning to instruct him to "thwart any destabilization attempt even before it starts."

"Once more, I call for national unity as I warn all attempts to undermine the Republic through unlawful plots," the President said in a statement as street protests and debates intensified over an opposition-led bid to impeach Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

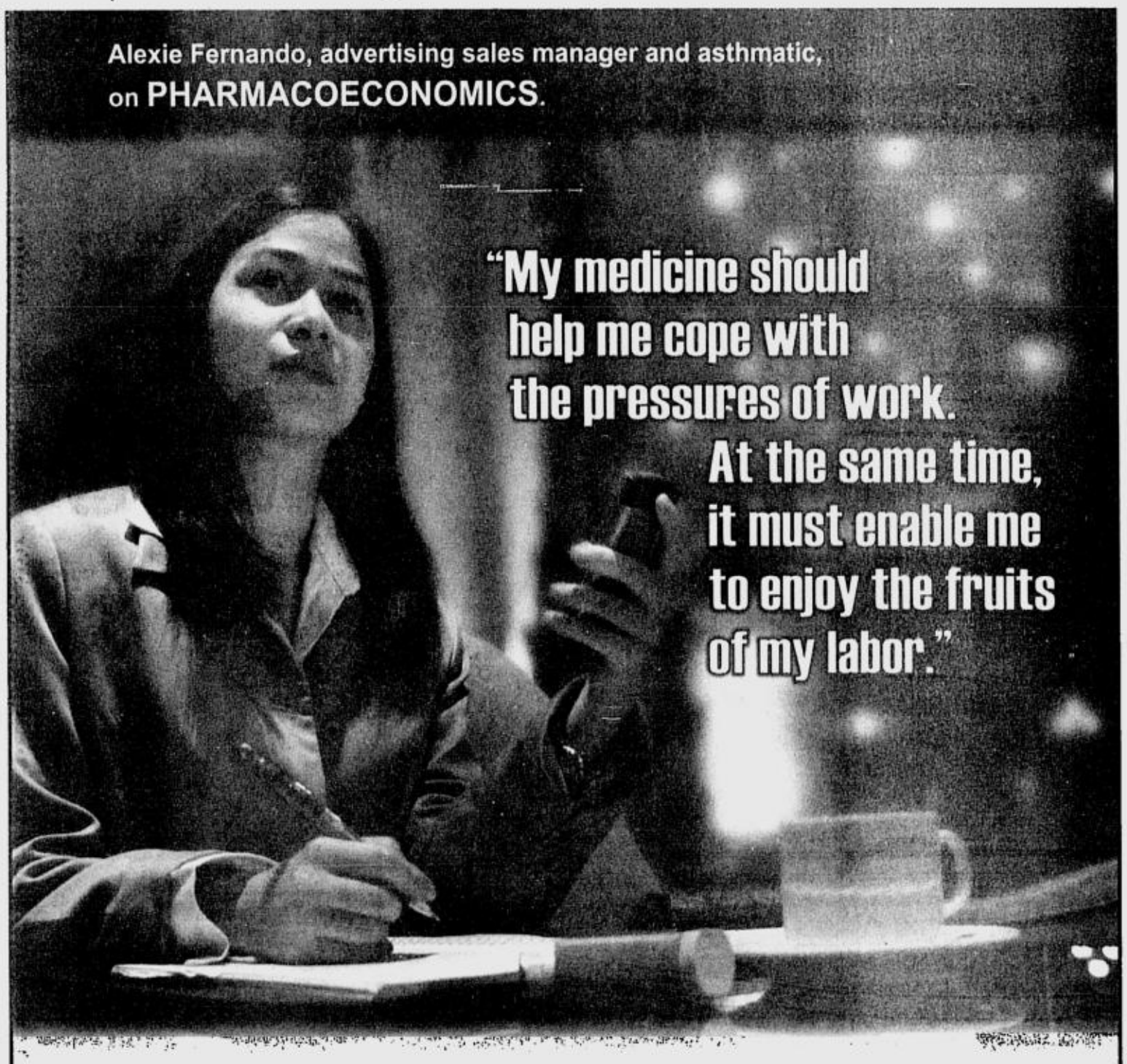
Schedule today

The President will be in Cebu and Mandaue today to keynote the closing ceremony of the 2003 consultative group meeting for the Philippines.

El Shaddai rally

She will also inaugurate a drug rehabilitation house and speak before a multisectoral assembly in Mandaue City before returning to Manila late in the afternoon.

Bunye could not say if the President will attend the prayer rally called by El Shaddai leader Bro. Mike Velarde for the impeachment crisis at the Rizal Park. *With a report from AFP*



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1st Reading: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Gospel: Lk 16:9-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "And so I tell you: use filthy money to make friends for yourselves, so that when it fails, these people may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever can be trusted in little things can also be trusted in great ones; whoever is dishonest in slight matters will also be dishonest in greater ones. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling filthy money, who could entrust you with true wealth? And if you have not been trustworthy with things that are not really yours, who will give you the wealth which is your own?

"No servant can serve two masters. Either he does not like the one and is fond of the other, or he regards one highly and the other with contempt. You cannot give yourself both to God and to Money."

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and sneered at Jesus. He said to them, "You do your best to be considered righteous by people. But God knows the heart, and what rises high among humans is loathed by God."

Commentary

"No servant can serve two masters ... You cannot give yourself both to God and to Money." Albert Nolan in his book Jesus Before Christianity says that the most astounding statement about the kingdom of God is not that it was near but it would be the "kingdom of the poor, and that the rich, as long as they remain rich, will have no part in it" (Lk 6:20-26). In the parable about the rich man and Lazarus, one is given no other reason why the rich man was so dramatically excluded from all rewards except that he was rich and that he did not share his wealth with the beggar (Lk 16:19-31). It follows that setting one's heart on the kingdom of God entails rejection of wealth to the point of sharing it with the beggars of the world. This is the miracle that will enable the rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

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2 years later, Nida case nowhere near solution

By Luige del Puerto and Philip C. Tubeza

IT'S BEEN two years and counting since actress Nida Blanca was slain and her only child, Kaye Torres, has expressed frustration anew at the slow pace the case is taking.

During a Mass held for her mother yesterday at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina City, Torres also said she fears the day a US judge would decide there was not enough evidence to warrant the extradition of Rod Strunk, the principal suspect in the murder, to the Philippines.

"I'm very, very frustrated. Many Filipinos are losing their faith in the government now. Still, I'm the one telling them, 'no, justice will be served,'" Torres said.

As this developed, Pasig City Judge Alex Quiros reset the trial of Strunk and self-confessed killer Philip Medel scheduled to begin on Nov. 5 to Jan. 20 next year after he fell ill.

Torres said she was fighting hard to "be positive about it."

"I want to hope that he (Strunk) would be sent back here. I want to believe that justice will be served. I'm really trying to be positive about it."

Torres said that based on what she saw during Strunk's hearing in Sacramento, California, on Oct. 17, the extradition case could go either way.

"I couldn't say the Philippines is confident Strunk would be extradited. I could not say it is not," she said.

More than 100 relatives, friends and fans flocked to Blanca's tomb to offer prayers. Among them were actresses Susan Roces and Nova Villa.

In earlier TV interviews, Torres had remarked that the papers the DOJ had submitted to the US court for Strunk's extradition were incomplete.

She also lamented that unlike Strunk's Filipino lawyers who flew to the US to argue his case, the DOJ did not send anyone to represent the government, except for a local American lawyer she identified as Ken Mellikian.

Even so, she thanked the authorities for taking up Blanca's case. "I know the things I have said on air have reached them," she said.

This prompted Justice Undersecretary Ma. Merceditas Gutierrez yesterday to urge Torres to help her mother's case by not making negative comments in the media.

"Please trust us. We are doing everything we can to bring Mr. Strunk back to the Philippines," she added.

Gutierrez also denied Torres' allegation that the evidence the Philippine government submitted to the US extradition court was incomplete.

KAYE Torres grieves at her mother's tomb two years to the day Nida Blanca was slain, with no hope for justice anytime soon. JOAN BONDOC

Coming soon: Healthier, taller Pinoys

By Blanche S. Rivera

EXACTLY a year from now, only "super foods"—fortified rice, sugar, flour, cooking oil and salt—will be allowed to be sold in the markets. Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said yesterday that he has directed all manufacturers of the five products to fortify them with iron, vitamin A and iodine starting next year.

Dayrit said that once the market starts selling only fortified foods next year, the next generation of Filipinos could be expected to be taller and healthier.

"Vitamin A is the main ingredient that can prevent and mitigate the effects of infectious diseases," he said.

Companies which fail to comply with the fortification requirement under Republic Act 8976 or the Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000 would face stiff sanctions and could be closed down, Dayrit said.

The law requires rice to be fortified with iron, flour with iron and vitamin A, cooking oil and sugar with vitamin A, and salt with iodine.

"There's low consumer awareness (of the benefits of fortified foods) because people are still price-oriented ... even in the case of iodized salt, we had to force the issue and really look around to check," Dayrit said.

Fortified foods are expected to be one to two percent more expensive than non-fortified foods due to additional production requirements.

But Jesus Lim Arranza, president of the Coconut Oil Refiners Association, said that manufacturers are willing to shoulder the additional cost of fortification as long as the government would strictly sanction violators of the law.

As of May, five out of 12 flour millers and two cooking oil producers have fortified their products. The National Food Authority is also starting to fortify rice while other large manufacturers of sugar are still boosting their capability to fortify.

"The supplements we give at the DOH are not enough for everyone ... The advent of the super foods would help reduce the iron, vitamin A and iodine deficiencies (among Filipinos)," Dayrit said at a press briefing yesterday.

DOH data showed that 56 percent of deaths among children below five years old in the country are due to malnutrition.

GMA to give ₱1M for every journalist murder solved

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday pledged a multimillion-peso reward fund for the capture of the killers of journalists slain in the last five years.

"I'm committing P1 million as a reward for the solution of each of the killings of media practitioners over the last five years," the President announced in a speech at the 29th top-level management conference of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkasters sa Pilipinas in Tagaytay City.

The President also called up Philippine National Police chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane to follow up on the creation of a special task force dedicated to solving the cases of slain journalists.

"I told him I would like the (PNP) to move faster and more resolutely in the investigation of all unsolved murder cases that victimized broadcasters and media practitioners," she said.

She told police officials in Zamboanga del Sur that their positions were "on the line."

"Arrest that killer," she said.

The President, in a separate issuance, declared Dec. 1-7 National Press Congress Week and the whole month of December as the month for publishers, editors, writers, community journalists and broadcasters.

In Proclamation No. 496 signed on Tuesday, the President said she wanted to "focus public attention on the role of the Publishers Association of the Philippines Inc. (Papi) in upholding press freedom and the dignity of journalism and the publishing profession."

Six journalists have been killed this year and not one of the killings has been solved.

Neither have the cases of 43 other journalists killed since 1986. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

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Ombudsman wants to see Imelda in jail

By Armand Nocum and Alcuin Papa

THE OMBUDSMAN'S office has had enough of the "whimsical" antics of Imelda Marcos and wants the flamboyant former first lady who is on an extended trip to Europe in possible violation of a court order cited for contempt and jailed.

"She should be given a lesson that if a court gives an order, it should be followed," said Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo.

The Presidential Commission on Good Government, the agency tasked with recovering the ill-gotten wealth of the family of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, yesterday said it would also file a contempt motion against Imelda for defying an order from the Sandiganbayan anti-graft court.

In an apparent bid to head off the Ombudsman and the PCGG filing contempt motions against Imelda, her lawyer yesterday announced that she was coming back on Monday.

In a hearing at the Sandiganbayan's Fourth Division yesterday, lawyer Roberto Sison said Imelda would be coming home on Monday from Germany where she was allegedly forced to stop over because of a "painful knee."

But Marcelo said Imelda's return will not save her from possible arrest.

"I have ordered our special prosecutors to file a motion for contempt to cancel the bail and order her arrest," he said.

Imelda, the widow of the dictator Marcos, is out on bail after the Sandiganbayan ordered her arrest in 2001 on four graft charges stemming from her family's alleged funneling of billions of pesos in ill-gotten wealth to Swiss banks. She is facing several more graft and ill-gotten wealth charges before the anti-graft court.

The Ombudsman's move stemmed from Imelda's "whimsical treatment of court orders," Marcelo said.

"She does not dignify the order of the court," he said, adding that his men are under strict orders to show that they are "vigorously" following through all the cases brought to their office.

PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza said the agency will also file a motion to cite Imelda for contempt and cancel her bail bond for extending her trip to France, Portugal and Italy without the permission of the court.

Carranza said the Sandiganbayan's Fourth Division had denied a motion from Imelda's lawyers asking for an extension.

But Imelda's lawyers may have beaten state prosecutors to the post by filing a motion to extend her travel and then filing a motion for reconsideration when the court denied her motion.

The court yesterday ordered the prosecution to submit in 10 days its reply to Imelda's motion for reconsideration. *With a report from Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

SENDOFF
Bb. Pilipinas candidate Mafae Yunon waves as she leaves to represent the country in this year's Miss World competition in Senya, China on Dec 6. JOAN BONDOC

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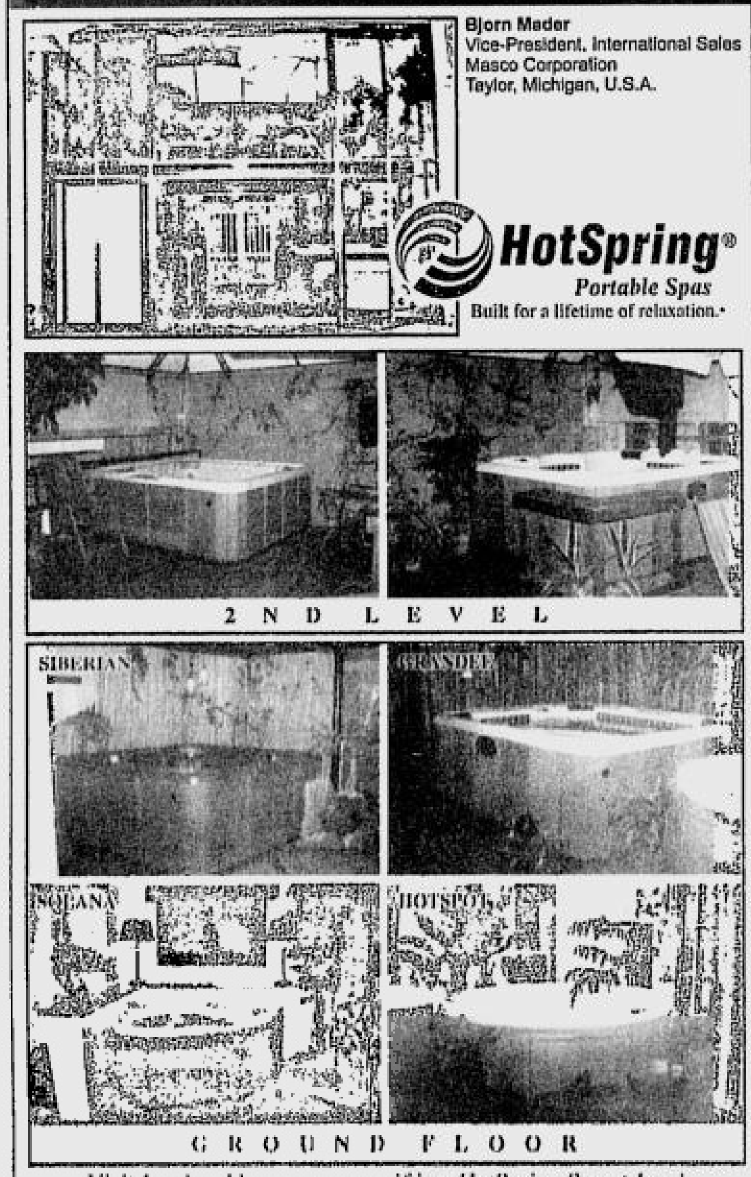

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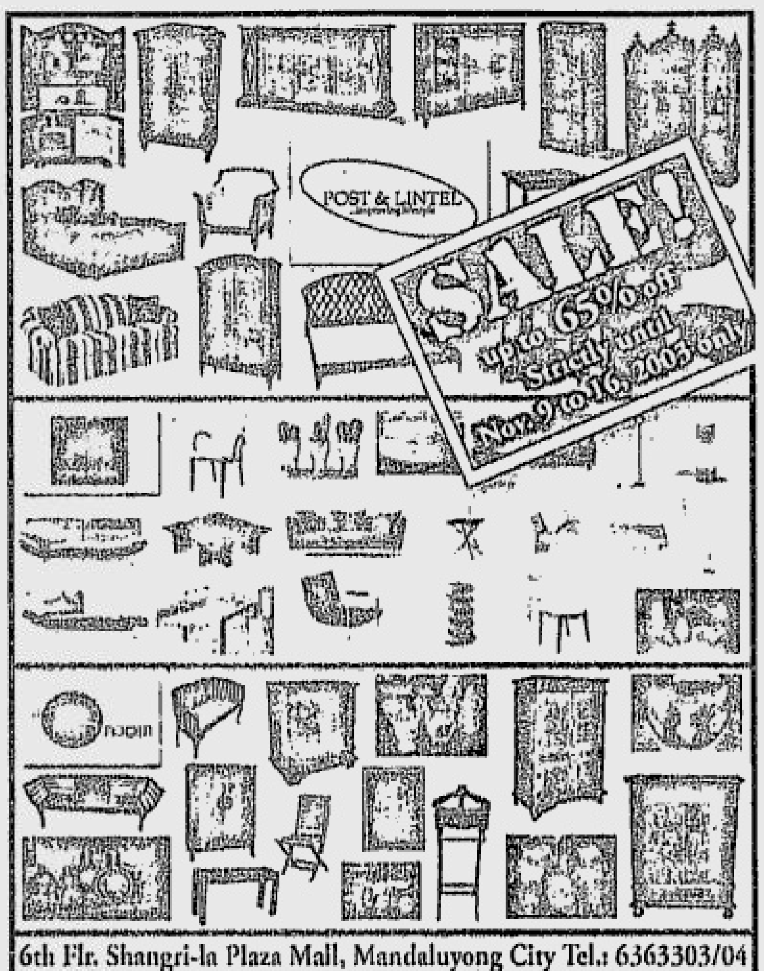

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Wanted: Pretty woman surgeon for Estrada

By Armand N. Nocum

THE OMBUDSMAN is looking for an attractive woman orthopedic surgeon to operate on the knees of a 66-year-old former head of state.

Apparently exploiting ousted President Estrada's known weakness for the opposite sex, court officials yesterday baited the deposed leader with the suggestion that a female doctor could operate on him here, hoping this would convince him to abandon his bid to be operated on abroad.

Deputy Ombudsman Robert E. Kallos, however, broached the idea more in jest and exasperation over the dogged persistence of Estrada's lawyers to have him undergo knee replacement surgery in the United States, a request which the special division of the anti-graft body already rejected last year.

Reacting to the insistence of Estrada's spine surgeon Dr. Antonio Calanoc that there should be "trust," "chemistry" and "rapport" between a doctor and his patient, Kallos then asked the doctor whether "like love, trust and confidence can be developed?"

The question initially caught Calanoc by surprise—the lone defense witness who testified for almost four hours during the hearing at the Sandiganbayan. But then he answered in the affirmative.

Kallos, during his cross examination of Calanoc, then asked: "Do you know of any female orthopedic surgeon. Can you recommend one?"

Calanoc responded by saying that he would try to look for one.

At this point, Associate Justice Edilbero Sandoval interjected with a broad smile—"If you introduce a lady surgeon, be sure she's beautiful."

"I'll try, your honor," Calanoc replied.

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Fil-Am tied to Abu faces raps

WASHINGTON—An American citizen who is a native of the Philippines has been arrested on charges of plotting a weapons-for-drugs exchange with the Abu Sayyaf, US officials said.

Victor Infante, 34, was described in court documents as the leader of the Infante Organization, which allegedly ran a weapons smuggling and drug distribution network that operated in the Philippines, New York, California, New Jersey and Louisiana. Associates sometimes referred to him as "The Devil," officials said.

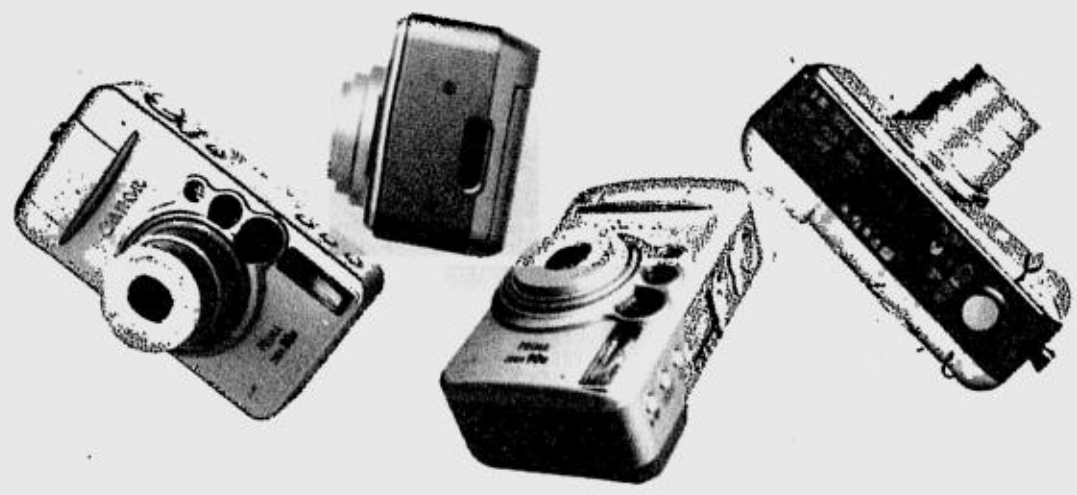
"The threat posed by the Infante Organization cannot be overstated," Pasquale D'Amuro, chief of the FBI field office in New York, said Thursday. "They were merchants of death, trading the potentially lethal methamphetamine for the most assuredly lethal military weapons."

When he was arrested earlier this week in the Philippines, Filipino officials described Infante as a weapons supplier to the Abu Sayyaf group which is affiliated with the al-Qaida terror network of Osama bin Laden.

Infante, a naturalized American citizen, was being held Thursday on Guam pending arrangements to bring him to New York to face charges, officials said.

According to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement affidavit, a recorded telephone conversation between Infante and an informant in March revealed a plot to exchange methamphetamine for a variety of automatic weapons, including MAC-11 submachine guns, AK-47s, Colt AR-15s and Uzis.

Infante was called "The Devil" or "Blue" by others in the recorded calls, the affidavit said. *AP*



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Blackhawk down in Iraq; at least 6 soldiers killed

TIKRIT, Iraq—An American Blackhawk crashed near Saddam Hussein's hometown in Iraq on Friday, killing at least six soldiers on board in the second deadly downing of a US helicopter in five days.

"Preliminary reports indicate four deaths and two injuries," said a US Army spokesperson in Baghdad.

American officers based at one of Saddam's former palaces in Tikrit, close to where the helicopter crashed, said it was not yet known whether guerrillas had shot it down.

"At approximately 9 a.m. this morning a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter went down," Maj. Josslyn Aberle of the 4th Infantry Division told reporters. "At this stage we don't know if it was due to mechanical failure or another reason."

Other helicopters hovered above the downed craft near the northern town of Tikrit, a hotbed of anti-US sentiment.

The Blackhawk is the US Army's front-line utility helicopter, designed to carry 11 combat-ready assault troops, and is also used for medical evacuations.

Last Sunday, guerrillas shot down a US Chinook helicopter west of Baghdad as it carried troops on a rest and recreation break, killing 16 American soldiers in the deadliest single strike on US-led forces since they invaded to oust Saddam.

On Oct. 25, guerrillas brought down a Blackhawk in Tikrit, hitting one of its engines with a rocket-propelled grenade. The helicopter made an emergency landing, and all five crew members escaped before it was engulfed in flames.

In the northern city of Mosul, an ambush on a convoy killed one soldier and wounded six others on Friday, Sgt. Kelly Tyler of the 101st Airborne Division said. In a separate attack in the town, a roadside bomb wounded three US soldiers.

The ambush brought to at least 140 the number of US soldiers killed in action since Washington declared major combat over on May 1—more than the 114 killed during the invasion in March and April. *Reuters*

Echoes of Vietnam War

WASHINGTON—A nation is sharply divided over the president's job performance. Political opponents grumble about the economy. Growing numbers of Americans say going to war was a mistake.

The time was summer 1967, the president was Lyndon B. Johnson and the war was Vietnam.

The moment proved to be a tipping point in the Democrat's presidency. Months later, as the war raged and the public ranted, Johnson recognized he couldn't go on. He stunned the nation in March 1968 by announcing that he would not seek another term.

Today, comparisons of the Iraq war to Vietnam are growing louder and steady reports of American troops killed on the battlefield are having a corrosive effect on public opinion of President George W. Bush.

One of the most telling numbers of late: four in 10 Americans, 39 percent, think the United States made a mistake by sending troops into Iraq—roughly the same number that said that about Vietnam in the summer of 1967.

Early on, people approved of Johnson's handling of Vietnam by a 2-1 margin, according to Gallup polls from 1965. By the summer of 1967, four in 10 thought Vietnam was a mistake, and people were evenly divided on Johnson's handling of the war. Public support then slipped steadily.

The decline in public opinion about Iraq has come more quickly for Bush.

In April, three-fourths approved of the way Bush was handling the war. In a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Thursday, 54 percent disapproved and 45 percent approved. The number who say it was a mistake to send in troops has almost doubled from the 22 percent who thought so in July.

The steady trickle of US troops dying in Iraq now totals more than 350 since the war began March 20. That number barely compares to Vietnam, in which thousands of US troops had been killed by 1967 in a war that eventually claimed about 58,000.

John Mueller, a political scientist who wrote the book, "War, Presidents and Public Opinion," said that while the death tolls differ, "there's a considerable similarity that you get in declining support as more casualties come in."

Unlike the Vietnam era, today's public is more exposed to each violent incident because of the Internet and round-the-clock cable television news, compared to newspaper accounts and reports on the networks' evening news in the 1960s. *AP*

FORCED TO WORK AT TENDER AGE
Holding a bunch of roses for sale, Shmrin, a 13-year-old Pakistani girl, waits for customers outside a school in Islamabad, Nov. 7. According to a recent report by Unicef, there are approximately eight million children under the age of 14 engaged as laborers in Pakistan. AFP

Sri Lanka leader revokes state of emergency decree

COLOMBO—Sri Lanka President Chandrika Kumaratunga withdrew tough emergency laws Friday as her rival Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe returned home to face a political crisis threatening the island's peace process.

Kumaratunga rolled back the controversial state of emergency decree announced on Wednesday after she sacked the ministers of defense, interior and information and suspending parliament for two weeks.

"There is no state of emergency now," government chief printer Neville Nanayakkara, in charge of publishing official declarations, said.

However, he said Kumaratunga authorized another less draconian law allowing troops to carry out nationwide searches.

The emergency laws had sent shockwaves through the business community and triggered a 20 percent fall in prices at the Colombo stock exchange as panic-stricken investors dumped their holdings fearing a return to war.

Returning home with an endorsement from President George W. Bush of his leadership and his peace initiative with Tamil Tiger rebels, Wickremesinghe vowed to restore parliament and revive the fragile peace process.

"I will see that parliament is resummoned immediately to continue the peace process," he told reporters at the airport after receiving prayers from saffron-clad Buddhist monks and Hindu priests.

"Parliament is the focal point of the peace process and with the parliament closed we cannot take the peace process forward," he said, adding the "whole peace process is at risk" due to the political crisis sparked by the president.

"Therefore, I have to create an environment in which the peace process can go forward. Sri Lanka cannot be found to be at fault in stopping the peace process," the premier said.

Kumaratunga's party has been in opposition in parliament since losing December 2001 elections to Wickremesinghe's coalition. But the president maintains strong powers, including the right to dismiss any minister including the prime minister himself.

Analysts believe the showdown between the rival president and premier could head the island to fresh parliamentary elections and hurt the economy which has recovered from recession and boomed since a ceasefire was signed with the rebels in February 2002.

Wickremesinghe's party has asked the parliament speaker to convene a meeting Friday of all party leaders to examine the possibility of defying the president and reopening parliament, government chief whip Mahinda Samarasinghe said.

The emergency had been due to go into effect Thursday as troops stepped up their presence, setting up checkpoints on major Colombo streets and checking the identity papers of pedestrians and motorists. *AFP*

Iraq's final bid to avoid war only a ploy, US says

WASHINGTON—A last-ditch effort by Iraq to avoid war, as reported by US media, was nothing but a "vague" ploy to forestall military action, the United States said Thursday.

"The United States exhausted every legitimate and credible opportunity to resolve the world's differences with Iraq in a peaceful manner," White House spokesperson Scott McClellan said, commenting on the story first reported Wednesday by ABC News.

McClellan said the US-led invasion of Iraq resulted from deposed leader Saddam Hussein's disregard, over 12 years, of "some 17 resolutions by the UN Security Council, including one final opportunity."

He said Saddam "had ample opportunity to comply and numerous resolutions, including one final one, that gave him an opportunity to comply.

"He had had many, many chances to comply, and he could have made his views very well-known, not only through numerous channels that exist, but to the world, as well," said McClellan.

ABC reported a secret meeting involving a Lebanese-American businessman and Iraqi intelligence officials just days after Secretary of State Colin Powell laid out the US case for war at the United Nations in February.

Imad Hage, president of the American Underwriters Group insurance company and known in the region as having contacts at the Pentagon, told ABC he was first approached by an Iraqi intelligence official who arrived unannounced at his office in Beirut.

A week later, Hage said, he and an associate were asked to come to Baghdad, when Hage says he met with Saddam Hussein's chief of intelligence, Gen. Tahir Habbush. *AFP*

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Serial killer admitted killing at least 60, cops say

SEATTLE, Washington—America's most prolific serial killer, Gary Ridgway, may have murdered far more than the 48 women he has been convicted of strangling, detectives said Thursday.

Truck painter Ridgway formally confessed Wednesday to murdering 48 prostitutes, drug addicts and runaways between 1982 and 1998 under a plea deal that spares him the death penalty, but police said they may never know how many people he really killed.

"He told us in interviews that he has killed at least 60 women," said Sgt. John Urquhart of the task force that ended the so-called Green River killer's two-decade rampage around the northeastern city of Seattle.

"We have charged him with 48, but there are other murders that we may or may not be able to charge him on and we have not been able to confirm his figure of 60-plus victims.

"It's certainly a possibility that there are other murders of his that we may never solve, or that there are others that have technically been solved but that we may not be able to charge him with," he said.

Because of the uncertainty lingering over the extent of the murderous rampage of Ridgway, 54, the investigation into the Green River murders will continue despite his confession, Urquhart said.

"It's not over yet," he said. "We continue to investigate and we are still talking actively to Ridgway and still have open homicides that we are actively looking into."

In his chilling confession read to a court Wednesday, Ridgway said he had difficulty remembering how many women he had murdered after years of "patrolling" parts of Seattle in search of vulnerable women to kill.

"I killed so many women, I have a hard time keeping them straight," he said in his statement that was read to the court by a prosecutor as the killer stood with his head bowed, but showing no signs of remorse.

"The plan was, I wanted to kill as many women I thought were prostitutes as I possibly could.

"I picked prostitutes as my victims because I hate most prostitutes and I did not want to pay them for sex," the statement said, adding that he felt his victims would not be reported missing immediately, if at all.

"I picked prostitutes because I thought I could kill as many of them as I wanted to without getting caught."

Ridgway then answered "guilty" in a calm and emotionless tone to 48 charges of premeditated aggravated murder.

He said he dumped the bodies of his victims "in clusters" close to the Green River, a practice that earned the murderer that terrorized the area for two decades the sobriquet of the "Green River Killer."

He was arrested in November 2001 after the discovery of fresh DNA evidence and was charged with seven of the "Green River" murders that were thought to have been committed between July 1982 and February 1984. *AFP*

Prince Charles denies link to 'royal scandal'

LONDON—Britain's heir to the throne Prince Charles dramatically intervened in an alleged royal scandal late Thursday, insisting he had no involvement in an incident, which although cannot be fully reported for legal reasons, is claimed to be powerful enough to bring down the monarchy.

PRINCE CHARLES

Up until Thursday British media were refused permission to publish anything about the allegation, except to say that it concerned an incident some years ago that involved a senior royal and former royal servant.

But following a private High Court hearing in London on Thursday, The Guardian newspaper was given permission to report that a former trusted aide of Charles, Michael Fawcett, had obtained an injunction against the Mail on Sunday preventing it from reporting the allegation.

The same court ruled that the Mail on Sunday tabloid could not publish the allegation in its next edition out this weekend.

Fawcett has argued that publication of the Mail's story would seriously libel him while some of Britain's unforgiving tabloids have claimed that the allegation is powerful enough to bring down the royals should it be disclosed.

After The Guardian named Fawcett on its website, Charles' office issued a statement denying that the prince was in any way involved in the alleged incident.

"In recent days, there have been media reports concerning an allegation that a former royal household employee witnessed an incident some years ago involving a senior member of the royal family," the statement said.

"The speculation needs to be brought to an end. The allegation was that the Prince of Wales was involved in the incident. This allegation is untrue.

"The incident which the former employee claims to have witnessed did not take place," the statement added. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

3 Palestinians killed in Gaza

JERUSALEM—Israeli forces killed three Palestinians in operations in the Gaza Strip, as the Palestinian leadership crisis intensified, scuttling peace efforts and endangering a donors conference. Israeli special forces went into the village of Almusader in central Gaza early Friday and entered a house, exchanging fire with gunmen, killing one, residents said. The troops withdrew from the village two hours later. A few hours earlier, not far away, two Palestinians were killed and nine wounded, including two women, in an exchange of fire between armed Palestinians and Israeli soldiers on the outskirts of Khan Younis, Palestinians said. *AP*

Bush pushes for democratic Mideast

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush Thursday urged Middle East leaders from Iran to Syria to embrace democracy and repudiated 60 years of US help for illiberal regimes that "did nothing to make us safe" from terrorism. "As long as the Middle East remains a place where freedom does not flourish, it will remain a place of stagnation, resentment, and violence ready for export," he said in a speech to the National Endowment for Democracy. Arguing that US security from extremist violence now hinges on cultivating political and democratic openness, Bush pleaded for the success of efforts to rebuild war-ravaged Iraq and transform it into a democracy. *AFP*

Arnold to hold groping probe

SAN FRANCISCO—Plagued by allegations of past sexual harassment, California Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger said on Thursday he was hiring investigators to look into the charges that dogged his election campaign. The statement follows a recommendation by California's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Bill Lockyer, earlier in the day that the actor seek some form of third party review of the charges that he groped women. A Schwarzenegger spokesperson complained that Lockyer, by making his comments public, breached attorney-client confidentiality that should exist between an incoming governor and the state's top legal official. *Reuters*

Medicinal marijuana

LONDON—A marijuana pill appeared to relieve some of the symptoms of multiple sclerosis in the first scientifically rigorous study of the strongly debated drug. The research, published this week in The Lancet medical journal, found that even though improvements could not be detected by doctors' tests, a greater proportion of patients taking the drug reported reduced pain and muscle stiffness than those taking fake capsules. Experts said the mixed results make them tricky to interpret. Some said they were encouraged any improvement was noted, while others said any major effect would have shown up in the doctors' tests. One study leader, Dr. John Zajicek of the University of Plymouth in England, said the research raises questions about what's more important: a doctor's measurements or the patient's perspective. "I think if there's a conflict, it's what the patient feels which is important, so I think it's quite encouraging," said Roger Pertwee, a professor of neuropharmacology at University of Aberdeen, who was not connected with the study. Multiple sclerosis, a common nervous system disease, causes a range of chronic symptoms, including muscle stiffness and spasms, pain, tremor, fatigue, depression and bladder problems. It is difficult to study because the disease is unpredictable and its symptoms hard to measure. *AP*

Snakes vs rice-eating rats

JAKARTA—After poison didn't work, officials on Indonesia's Java island have released dozens of snakes to fight a plague of rats eating into the rice crop, a newspaper reported Friday. Authorities near the tourist town of Yogyakarta have let loose the snakes, mostly pythons, because rat poison didn't stop the large depletion of the crop in recent years, The Jakarta Post reported. "We hope that the release of the snakes can provide a breakthrough with the rat problem," farmer Suryadi, who goes by a single name, was quoted as saying. The snakes include the reticulated python, which feeds on small mammals and can grow up to eight meters in length. *AP*

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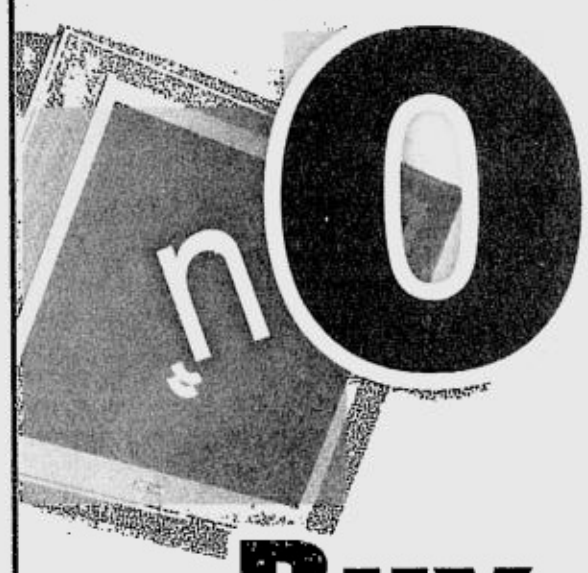

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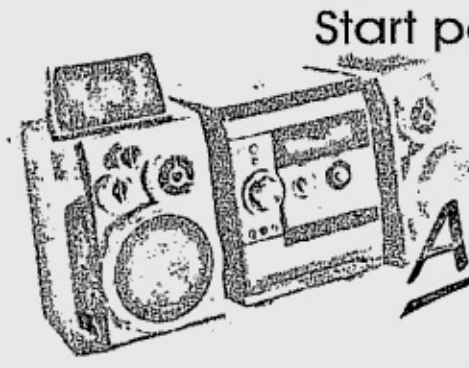

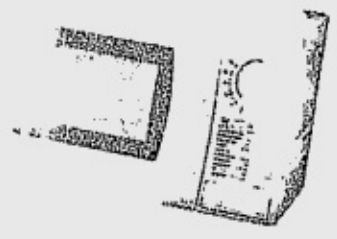

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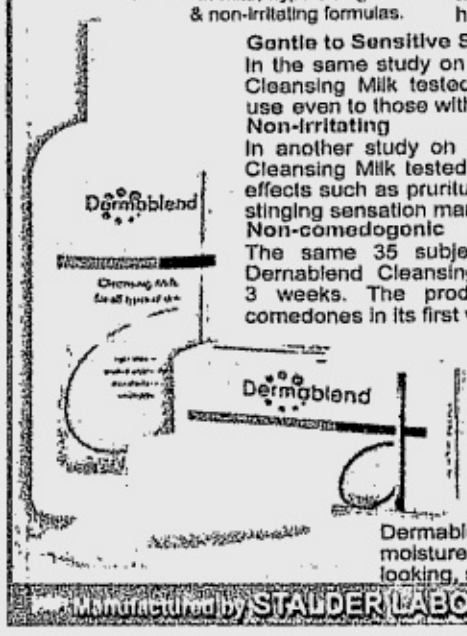

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The **Philippine Dermatological Society**, spearheading the celebration of the *National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week* for the fourth year in a row, continues to prove itself worthy of its renown as the country's largest organization of world-class board-certified medical specialists for the care of skin, hair and nails. Dedicated to its commitment of raising awareness on proper skin care among Filipinos, the PDS again launches the nationwide campaign on November 9 to 15 by virtue of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's Proclamation No. 110. The campaign, bearing the theme "**Balat...Alagaan Laban sA sakiT,**" coincides with the Society's *51st Foundation Day* and will be celebrated with a series of programs, lectures and events emphasizing "*Basic Care for Healthy Skin, Hair & Nails.*" The Society's untiring efforts are ultimately aimed at uplifting the health status, especially of marginalized Filipinos, through patient education and proper dermatologic care.

PDS Activities for the Week

Aside from its nationwide lecture series on basic care for the skin and its free medical clinics, the PDS under the leadership of its President, Dr. Francisca C. Roa, will hold the 11th Annual Residents' Research Forum on November 11 at the Astoria Plaza at the Ortigas Center, Pasig City. This forum will serve as a venue for research presentations by the PDS accredited training institutions.

On the same day, the National Support Association for Psoriasis Patients, Inc. will hold its 1st general assembly, also at the Astoria Plaza. The association's main goal is to create opportunities for members to cope with their condition through various traditional and innovative ways.

On November 12, the First PDS Leprosy Forum, with the theme "Developing a Holistic Approach to the Problem of Leprosy," shall be held at the United Laboratories Compound in Mandaluyong City. About 14 related subjects will be tackled in the whole day affair, ranging from epidemiology and operational issues to psychosocial and developmental aspects of the disease.

A distinguished line-up of experts will be on hand for the leprosy forum, including Dr. Yo Yuasa from Japan, Drs. Steve Reed and John Dawson from the United States, Drs. Paul Saunderson and Hugh Cross from the United Kingdom, and Drs. Antonio Lopez, Roberta Romero, Gertrude Chan, and Roland Samson from the Philippines, among others.

The registration fees from the forum will be donated to the Philippine Leprosy Foundation.

PDS Annual Convention 2003

The highlight of the week-long celebration will be the Society's Annual Convention on November 13 and 14 at the EDSA Shangrila Hotel in Mandaluyong City. With the theme, "The Essential and True: Facing the Issues in Dermatology," the caucus will present a scientific program dedicated to strenghtening priorities in dermatology and sifting the true and the essential from the vague and misleading information brought about by advanced technology and commercialism.

PDS ANNUAL CONVENTION 2003

"The Essential And True: Facing the Issues in Dermatology"

NOVEMBER 13 - 14, 2003
EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City

Scientific Program

November 12, 2003

6:00 pm	**WELCOME COCKTAILS**	Bohol Room
7:00 pm	**DINNER SYMPOSIUM (LEO)**	Boracay Room
	Daivobet: A New Unique Topical Treatment for Psoriasis	Dr. Harvey Lui, *Chairman, Department of Dermatology, University of British Columbia, CANADA*

November 13, 2003
DAY 1 Morning Session

8:00 AM	Opening of Exhibits	
	Invocation	Dr. Rosario Cañete
	National Anthem	
	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Ma. Lorna F. Frez
8:20 – 8:30	Inspirational Message "The Essential and True in Life"	Ms. Rio Diaz-Cojuangco

PLENARY LECTURE Moderator: Dr. Peachy Lao

8:30 – 8:40	**Dermatologic Priorities in the Western Pacific Region: Focus on Leprosy**	Dr. Sumana Barua, *Medical Officer, STOP TB & Leprosy Elimination, WHO*
840 – 9:10	**Updates in Hansen's Disease: Therapeutics & Diagnostics**	Dr. Roberta Romero
9:10 – 9:20	Open Forum / Coffee Break	
9:20 – 9:45	**Dry Skin and the Skin Lipid Barrier: An Innovative Concept for Improvement**	Prof. Jean-Paul Marty, *Dermatopharmacology & Cosmetology Research Unit, Faculty of Pharmacy Univ. of Paris, FRANCE*
	Moderator: Dr. Elvira Henares-Esguerra	
9:45 – 10:05	**Herbal Medicines For Dermatology: Philippine Setting**	Dr. Eliseo Banaynal, *Medical Director, Alternad*
10:05 – 10:30	**Myths & Realities Regarding Cosmetic Product Efficacies**	Prof. Jean-Paul Marty
10:30 – 10:50	**New Insights on the Role of Silicon and Mineral Supplements on Hair, Skin, Nails and Connective Tissues**	Prof. Dirk Vanden BERGHE *(BELGIUM)*
10:50 – 11:30	**Skin Clues To Domestic Violence**	Dr. Marissa de Guzman / Dr. Joselina Ly Uson, *Head, Women's Desk, UP-PGH*
11:30 – 12:00	Open Forum	
12:00 PM	**LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (NOVARTIS)**	
	The Challenge of Treating Atopic Eczema: Itching to Know More	Dr. Marie Eleonore O. Nicolas

DAY 1 Afternoon Session SET A
COMMON CLINICAL PROBLEMS: CURRENT TRENDS
Moderator: Dr. Teresa Tolosa

1:30 – 2:00	**Acne: An Everyday Challenge**	Dr. Edna Basilio
2:00 – 2:30	**Lesions and Lessons of Psoriasis**	Dr. Harvey Lui
2:30 – 3:00	**Handy Tips For Chronic Hand Dermatitis**	Dr. Lonabel Encarnacion
3:00 – 3:30	**Why Does My Antifungal Fail?**	Dr. Amelia Paliza
3:30 – 4:00	**To E.R. or To Err: Dermatologic Urgencies & Emergencies**	Dr. Lilian Villafuerte
4:00 – 4:30	**Common Cosmetic Procedures: When Easy Becomes Messy**	Dr. Rosario Abaya-Blas
4:30	Open Forum	

DAY 1 Afternoon Session SET B
DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY TECHNIQUES & UPDATES
Moderator: Dr. Jay Nuñez

1:30 – 2:15	**Dermatologic Surgery In Difficult Anatomical Sites**	Dr. Eric Arcilla, *Consultant, Div. of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Dept. of Surgery, UP-PGH*
2:15 – 2:45	**Office Anesthesia**	Dr. Juan Sanchez, *Associate Professor in Plastic Surgery, FEU Medical Center*
2:45 – 3:05	**Sclerotherapy**	Dr. Ida Tiongco, *Clinical Assistant Professor, Dermatology Weill Medical College of Cornell University New York, N.Y., U.S.A.* Dr. Marjorie Frances U. Yang
3:05 – 3:35	**Botox / Dermal Fillers**	Dr. Ida Tiongco, Dr. Rosario Abaya-Blas
3:35 – 4:30	**Lasers & Light Sources : Philippine Experience** by the PDS Laser Subspecialty Committee	
	Introduction to Lasers & Light Sources	Dr. Ma. Pilar Leuenberger
	Laser/Light Source Treatment Centers in the Philippines	
	Intense Pulsed Light for Photorejuvenation	Dr. Nancy Garcia-Tan
	Laser Hair Removal	Dr. Carmencita Esguerra-Salud
	Laser Treatment of Vascular Lesions	Dr. Mia Cells-Verzosa, Dr. Joseph Ortiz
	Laser Treatment of Tattoos & Pigmented Lesions	Dr Rhea May M. Martinez
	Complications & Other Indications	Dr. Esther C. Leynes
4:30	Open Forum	
6:00	Fellowship Night (SCHERING-PLOUGH)	Palawan Ballroom

November 14, 2003
DAY 2 Morning Session Moderator: Dr. Cecile Serrano
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8:30 – 8:50	**Facials**	Dr. Ma. Angela T. Cumagun
8:50 – 9:10	**Hair Care Procedures**	Dr. Aileen J. Montero
9:10 – 9:30	**Moisturizers**	Dr. Jasmin J. Jamora
9:30 – 10:00	Open Forum / Coffee Break	
10:00 – 10:20	**Sunscreens**	Dr. Evelyn R. Gonzaga
10:20 – 10:40	**Cellulite & Striae**	Dr. Nora R. Cortez
10:40 – 11:00	**Bleaching Agents**	Dr. Georgina C. Pastorfide
11:00 – 11:30	Open Forum	
11:30 – 12:45	Lunch Symposium (ADENPHAR)	

DAY 2 Afternoon Session Moderator: Dr. Kathy Go-Estrada
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1:00 – 1:30	**Immunosuppressives: Eliminating The Fear Factor**	Dr. Benjamin B. Bince, Dr. Esther Penserga, *Chief, Section of Rheumatology Department of Medicine, UP-PGH*
1:30 – 2:00	**Hyperhidrosis Secrets**	Dr. Elizabeth Amelia V. Tianco, Dr. Nenita L. Alberto
2:00 – 2:30	**Medical Photography: Cues And Views**	Dr. Joel Estrada, *President, Digital Color Imaging Systems & Image Sellers Management, Inc.* Mr. Van Co, *Managing Director Omnibus Bio Medical Systems, Inc.*
2:30 – 3:00	**Difficult Acne: Real Or Fake Pearls**	Dr. Vermen M. Verallo-Rowell, Dr. Lilia Santiago
3:00 – 3:30	Open Forum	
3:30	Closing Remarks	Dr. Francisca C. Roa
4:00	PDS Business Meeting	

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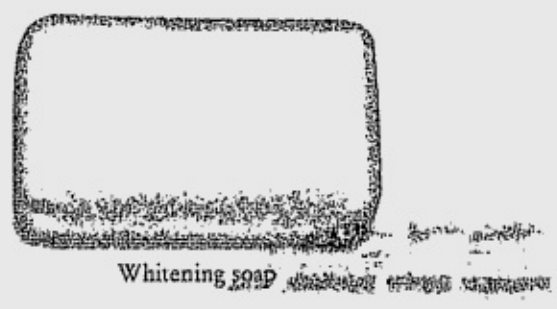
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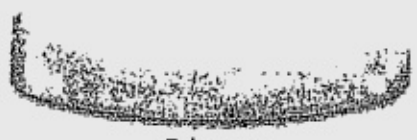
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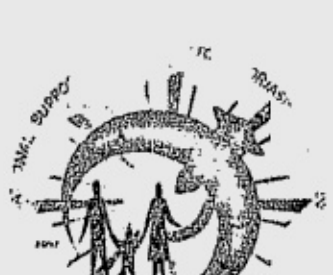

PSORIASIS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ITS 1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The National Support Association for Psoriasis Patients, Inc. (NSAPPI) will hold its first general assembly on November 11, 2003 at Astoria Plaza, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

The association, which was created last March 6, 2003, signify the coming together of various psoriasis clubs nationwide. It was formed by patients, doctors and social workers of various derma institutions and was organized with the help of Leo Pharma Phils. It was initially known as Psoriasis Association of the Philippines, became National Psoriasis Association Inc. last May before finally evolving to National Support Association of Psoriasis Patients Inc. which truly represents the mission of the association. To date, it has over 300 members nationwide. The association's main goal is to create opportunities for members to cope with their conditions through various traditional and innovative ways.

Ms. Celia Daan as president, Dr. Rene Figueras as vice-president, Engr. Emil Pascua – treasurer and Ms. Juliet Mirandilla as auditor and Ms. Annlyn Nalangan as PRO spearheads NSAPPI respectively. Sec. Dayrit of the Dept. of Health will induct the above-mentioned officers during the general assembly.

There also would be series of lectures about psoriasis to be given by well-known dermatologists. The assembly will start at 8:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm.

The NSAPPI's message to psoriasis patients, "You don't need to hide or suffer alone. Come and be part of us!, together we can rise above the debilitating effects of psoriasis", encourages other patients to join their growing organization.

For inquiries please call NSAPPI Secretariat at Tel. No. (632) 844-1730.

Philippine Dermatological Society

Sat., Nov. 8, 2003

Messages

Greetings!

The Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) spearheads, for the fourth time, the National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week on November 9-15, 2003. Initially declared as Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week on November 6-12, 2000 under then President Joseph Ejercito Estrada's Proclamation No. 395, the week officially endorsed and renamed National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo through Proclamation No. 110 in November 2001. The celebration is held under the auspices of the PDS in November of each year, coinciding with the Society's foundation.

With the theme, "Balat... Alagaan Laban sA sakiT," this nationwide campaign aims to uplift the health status of the Filipinos through patient education and early skin disease detection and prevention by proper dermatologic care.

A weeklong activity, the program includes on "Basic Care for Healthy Skin, Hair and Nails" as well as medical missions in identified barangay health centers and schools nationwide. This activities are carried out with great enthusiasm and care by civic-minded PDS members throughout the archipelago. PDS training institutions like the Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center, Makati Medical Center, Skin and Cancer Foundation Inc., University of the East, University of the Philippines – Philippine General Hospital and the University of Santo Tomas display informative posters on "Common Skin Diseases" in hospital lobbies. Highlights of the week are the National Support Association for the Psoriasis Patients, Inc. General Assembly and the Annual Residents' Research Forum on November 11th at the Astoria Plaza and the 1st PDS Leprosy Forum at the Unilab complex on November 12th. This is culminated by the two-day Annual Convention on November 13th and 14th with the theme " The Essential and True: Facing the Issues in Dermatology" at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel in Mandaluyong city.

As president of the Philippine Dermatological Society, I am greatly honored and committed to bring PDS to whom it professes to serve, the Filipino people.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCISCA C. ROA,MD, FPDS
President
Philippine Dermatological Society

Greetings!

The Philippine Dermatological Society takes pride in holding its 27th Annual Convention with a very relevant theme: The Essential and True: Facing the Issues in Dermatology.

As a continuing commitment to our profession and the patients we serve, we have prepared a scientific program dedicated to streamlining priorities in dermatology and sifting the true and the essential from the vague and misleading information brought about by advanced technology and commercialism. We have invited foreign and local experts to help us attain these objectives. We envision a stimulating professional exchange of ideas and experiences ultimately redounding to the benefit of our patients.

Congratulations to the Organizing Committee of this Annual Convention and our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors for their generous support!

Truly yours,

MA. LORNA FERNANDEZ-FREZ, MD, FPDS
Vice-president, Philippine Dermatological Society
Chair, PDS Annual Convention Organizing Committee

The Philippine Dermatological Society will be celebrating its 4th National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week this coming November 9 to 15. During this week, besides the annual convention, residents' paper presentation and leprosy forum, our members will also be busy with other activities.

PDS members will be giving lectures on "Basic Care for Health Skin, Hair & Nails". This will be conducted simultaneously at different barangay health centers and secondary schools throughout the Philippines. Such activity is part of the PDS information and education campaign for proper skin care of the Filipino people.

PDS members will likewise be conducting nationwide free clinics with the help of our friends from the pharmaceutical industries. This is an intensification of our efforts and commitment to reach out to the least fortunate of our brothers and sisters.

I would like to thank our members and our sponsors for all their support because without them such worthwhile endeavors will not be possible

Sincerely yours,

DAISY KING-ISMAEL, MD
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Skin Week

Schedule of Activities

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Nov. 9 Sun.	Free Clinic	San Ildefonso Parish Church, Pio del Pilar St, Makati City 1-4 pm
Nov. 10 Mon.	Poster Exhibits on "Common Skin Diseases" at different PDS training hospitals	Hospital lobbies: Jose R. Reyes Memorial Hospital, Makati Medical Center, Ospital ng Makati, UERM Medical Center, Philippine General Hospital, UST Hospital
	Lecture on Basic Care for Healthy Skin, Hair & Nails	Capitol Health Center, Cebu City 9-10 am Mandawe Health Center, Cebu City 2:30 – 3:30 pm
	Free Clinic	Alabang Health Center, Liwasang Bayani Plaza, Alabang, Muntinlupa, 8-12nn Ma. Clara Health Center, Ma. Clara St., Sampaloc, Manila 2-5pm Doña Aurora Health Center, Francisco St. Tondo, Manila 1-4pm Esperanza Health Center, Teresa St., Sta. Mesa, Manila 9-12nn Bagong Barrio Health Center, Zone I, Malolos Ave, Barangay Barrio, Caloocan City 9-12nn Tugos Health Center, Barangay Tugos, Sorsogon City 9-12nn Duhat Elementary School, Duhat, Bocaue, Bulacan 9-12nn Candon City Health Office, Candon, Ilocos Sur, 1-3pm Icasiano Health Center 1806 Pedro Gil St. Paco, Manila 8-12nn West Rembo Health Center, JP Rizal Ext, Makati 9-12nn
Nov. 11 Tues.	11th Annual Residents' Research Forum	Astoria Plaza, Pasig City
	National Support Association for Psoriasis Patients, Inc. General Assembly	Astoria Plaza, Pasig City
	Lecture on Basic Care for Healthy Skin, Hair & Nails	Kabayanan Health Center , Blumentrit St., Brgy. Kabayanan San Juan, Manila 10-11 am Eleuteria Health Center No. 1 B.S. Angeles St., Brgy. Sta. Lucia San Juan Manila 2-3pm
	Free Clinic	Marikina City Health Office, Shoe Ave., Sto. Niño, Marikina City 9-12nn Holy Rosary Minor Seminary, Naga City 8-12nn Regional Health Unit I, Parian, Mexico, Pampanga 1-4pm
Nov. 12 Wed.	1st PDS Leprosy Forum	United Laboratories, Pasig City
	Free Clinic	Batangas City Health Office, P. Burgos St. Batangas City 3-[illegible] Lipa C[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Batangas City 8-12nn
Nov. 13-14 Thurs. & Fri.	27th Annual PDS Convention	EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City
Nov. 15 Sat.	Free Clinic	Tagaytay City Health office 9-12nn One Stop Processing Center Bldg., City Hall of San Pablo 8-12nn Lourdes Northwest Health Center, Angeles City. 9-12nn

Free clinics will likewise be held at Lahug Health Center, Lahug, Cebu city on Nov. 18, 9-12nn, Barrio Luz Health Center in banilad St. Cebu City on Nov. 18, 8-12nn, Pamplona II Health Center, Barangay Pamplona II, Las Piñas on Nov. 18, 9-12nn and at Matina health Center in Talomo North Davao City on Nov. 21, 9-12 nn. Free clinics were also held at James Gordon Hospital, Olongapo City last Nov. 6, Sangguniang Hall in San Carlos, Pangasinan last Nov. 7, at the 3rd flr of Atrium Bldg, General Luna St. in Iloilo City on Nov. 7.

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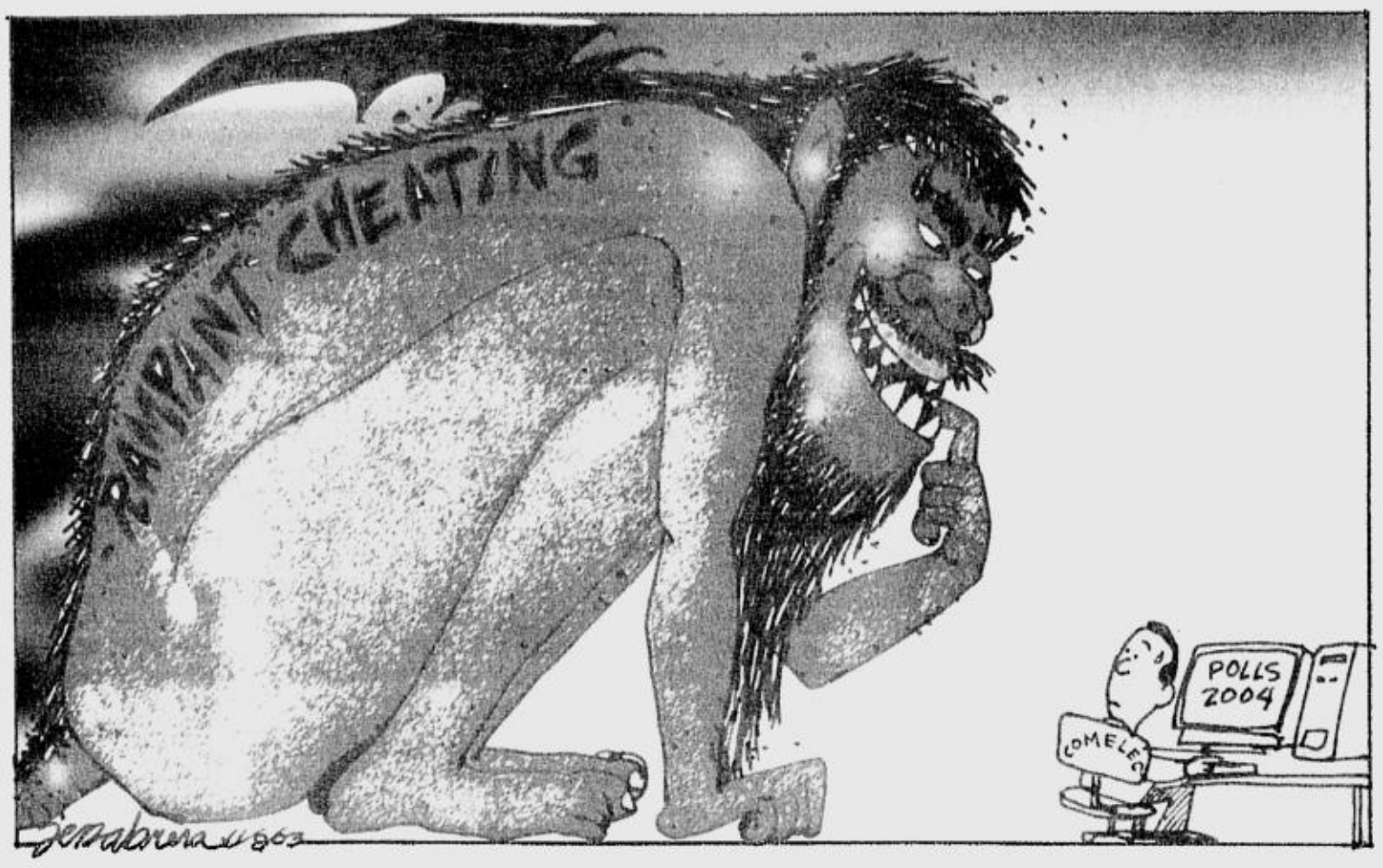

Character assassination

EDITORIAL

A SIDE issue has branched out of the impeachment complaint against Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. One of the two prime movers behind the impeachment, Camarines Sur Rep. Felix William Fuentebella of the Nationalist People's Coalition, has attacked the integrity of Cecilia Caga-anan, senior auditor of the Commission on Audit, who prepared the COA report on the Judiciary Development Fund. The report did not find discrepancies in the disbursement of the JDF, which were the basis of the impeachment complaint.

Nothing illustrates more vividly than the viciousness, malice and pettiness that underlie the campaign to remove Davide from the Supreme Court through impeachment. Fuentebella sought to discredit Caga-anan by accusing her falsely that she is a relative of Davide. He further tried to blemish her credibility as an independent auditor by making the innuendo that she faced "cases" in the courts. With the characteristic recklessness he exhibited in preparing the complaint against Davide, Fuentebella said the cases prevented her from interpreting correctly the audit documents.

The accusation of kinship ties between Davide and Caga-anan is absolutely false. Not even a DNA test could establish Fuentebella's allegations. Caga-anan promptly showed up Fuentebella's malicious innuendoes. She said the cases at the Sandiganbayan and the Office of the Ombudsman stemmed from her discovery of irregularities in procurement. The case at the Sandiganbayan resulted from her discovery of ghost deliveries at the Department of Public Works and Highways in 1996, a report on which earned her the distinction of being picked as "outstanding auditor" in 1997.

In the Sandiganbayan case, Caga-anan is the witness and not the accused. Since Fuentebella apparently did not care much about wrecking reputations, so he could make a point, he did not make the distinction between being a respondent or a witness.

The attacks on the integrity of Caga-anan, whose public service record can stand more rigorous scrutiny than Fuentebella's, highlight the methods of attack mounted by the pro-impeachment congressmen on Davide. The attacks are aimed below the belt. The House committee on justice, which conducted an inquiry into the JDF, rashly concluded that there were "discrepancies" in the disbursements by ignoring the auditor's report and substituting the congressmen's own judgment and interpretation of the data. The lawmakers, who are not experts, themselves interpreted the report and found fault with it, discarded the experts' interpretation and tried to build an impeachment case on the basis of their own interpretation.

The COA is the independent constitutional body mandated to audit transactions using public funds. Congressional investigators, especially if they are acting as inquisitors, are less credible than COA auditors in deciding whether the disbursements of public offices are irregular or not. Davide's foes should have attacked the methodology of the auditors. Instead they resorted to squid tactics, using false accusations and casting doubts on the integrity of the auditors. They could have referred the findings of the JDF report to independent auditors for a second opinion, but obviously, Fuentebella and his cohorts in the House have no use for independent assessments.

In attacking the integrity of the auditors—an attack which was shown to be inaccurate and based on false claims—Fuentebella revealed the weakness of their complaint. In an argument, one sure sign that one has no argument is when he engages in character assassination.

On the issue of transparency, it has been shown that the Supreme Court supplied the Senate documents on the disbursements of the JDF, sign enough that the Court has opened itself to congressional inquiry into its funds.

Proof that the congressmen were not interested in a fair inquiry "in aid of legislation" is that they rushed the complaint even before the House committee on justice had completed its inquiry. They resented Davide's refusal to humble himself and grovel at their feet.

The character assassination dramatizes the perils facing officials who tangle with congressmen who want to impress officials of other departments that they can tyrannize them with the "power of the purse."

Innocents abroad

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

IT appears that Imelda Marcos has become the beneficiary of another judicial permission to travel abroad. RTC Judge Oscar Barrientos, before whose sala Marcos is facing 22 charges of dollar salting, has allowed her to go to the United States for medical reasons and to France, Italy and Portugal for a religious pilgrimage. The permitted period was 30 days, from Oct. 2 to Nov. 1. She has not yet returned.

Barrientos allegedly expanded the permit to cover London although this was not included in her original motion. It was only later that her lawyers amended their request to support his *motu proprio* inclusion of the city. PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza is charging the RTC judge with partiality and is asking the Supreme Court to discipline him for "gross misconduct."

Another questionable part of the judge's order is his permission for Imelda to go to France, Italy and Portugal on a religious pilgrimage. Barrientos cites "humanitarian reasons" and the movant's constitutional right to travel. He forgets, intentionally or not, that Imelda is not like just any other citizen entitled to his constitutional rights. Imelda is the accused in many criminal cases whose right to travel is not absolute but subject to the conditions of her bail.

A person accused of a criminal offense may be granted bail but upon his sworn promise to appear before the court that granted him provisional liberty any time his presence is required. This will not be possible if the bailed accused is abroad and outside the jurisdiction of the court.

That is the reason why permission to leave the country is sparingly given and only for the most valid of reasons like the urgent need for medical attention or to attend a family activity like a wedding or a funeral. Participating in a beauty pageant and taking postgraduate studies abroad have been rejected as sufficient reasons. A person facing estafa charges was not permitted to go abroad to explore business prospects.

A religious pilgrimage is not embraced in the religious freedom of a person out on bail. Yet Barrientos saw it as an excuse for favoring Imelda. Once before, given permission to go to the United States for eye and skull treatment, she saw this as an opportunity to attend the wedding of a niece in Paris, which was not included in her authorized itinerary. The court did nothing about it. And neither presumably will Judge Barrientos punish the wandering woman for extending her trip beyond the deadline he has set.

The other question worth asking is why Imelda's permission to travel was given only by Judge Barrientos. What about the Sandiganbayan, where several cases against her are also pending, besides other courts where she may be facing other criminal charges? Should not the permission of all these courts have been obtained first before the favored lady could leave the country and enjoy another trip abroad?

There is also the possibility that she may decide never to return to the Philippines, considering the decisions of the criminal cases that have long been delayed and will probably be against her. The likelihood of her spending her remaining days in prison may tempt her to stay away and savor the rest of her life in the sanctuary of a friendly country where she can luxuriate with her supposedly non-existent fortune.

A related case is that of former President Joseph Estrada, who is asking for permission to seek medical treatment abroad on the ground that our own experts are not competent enough to heal him. His local doctors appear to share his distrust of their colleagues and are arguing that a patient has the human right to choose his own physicians. True enough, but they are correct only in a limited sense.

A person facing criminal charges, especially if he is not bailable, cannot claim the same right available to one not similarly charged. I suppose a certain leeway should be allowed an accused who is out on bail because the crime imputed to him is not heinous and the temptation to flee is not as strong as when he is threatened with the penalty of life imprisonment or even death. But it is different with Estrada whose only relief from the rigor of the law, which is likely to convict and punish him, is escape.

Like Imelda Marcos, Joseph Estrada is not a poor person. Both of them can afford to remain abroad and live like some foreign potentates who have escaped the wrath of their people and are now enjoying the hospitality and protection of friendly governments. They are not likely to be surrendered, even assuming the existence of an extradition treaty because they will be considered political refugees and therefore not extraditable. By permitting Imelda and Estrada to leave our country, we may in effect be acquitting these disreputable accused who have every reason to stay away.

Parliament could be the killer

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

RECENT events here and abroad should banish forever any lingering illusion that a parliamentary system is the answer to the problems of our country. This is an illusion that is endlessly peddled by its advocates, and while the majority of Filipinos are not buying, opinion surveys show a steady erosion of that majority. Hopefully, not any more.

There is the stand-off in Sri Lanka between their president and prime minister, with the president suspending Parliament, firing three Cabinet members and declaring a state of emergency, and with the parliamentarians showing defiance and the prime minister rushing home to try to sort out the mess—all in the midst of delicate, crucial negotiations with secessionists. Yet, it is this system of government—a combination of presidential and parliamentary, along the French lines—that is supposed to solve the ills of our present system. A classic example of solving a problem by creating a different set of problems.

Our own mess was created in our House of Representatives, many of whose members advocate constitutional change (read: parliamentary system). Hopefully, what is happening will finally stop this proposal. Actions, after all, speak louder than words.

The brazen abuse of power, the irresponsibility, the disregard for national interest in the pursuit of private interests as reflected in the Davide impeachment complaint, speak very loud indeed. So the inevitable conclusion in one's mind is: if these people can wreak such havoc with legislative power, just think (and shudder) at the immensely greater harm they can do if they have executive power as well!

It may be argued that these constitute a minority of the House, and the majority are all right joes. Maybe so. After all, the likes of Salacnib Baterina, Solomon Chungalao, Raul Gonzalez, Manuel Mamba, Raul del Mar, Oscar Rodriguez, Edwin Uy, Laurence Wacnang, drew the line where principle begins and questioned the constitutionality of the complaint before the Supreme Court. The likes of Ruffy Biazon, JV Bautista, Edgar Erice, Renato Magtubo, Mauricio Domogan, Ernesto Nieva, Joey Salceda, Leovigildo Banaag and Soraya Jaafar withdrew their endorsement of the complaint either upon further reflection or to bow to the will of their constituents. And the likes of Butch Abad (Batanes) and Etta Rosales have been pointing out how baseless the accusations against Chief Justice Davide are.

On the other hand, there are those who either exhibited a circle-the-wagon, a my-House-right-or-wrong mentality or, as cynics would say, an I-want-a-piece-of-the-action attitude. People, spitting in the eye of the general revulsion against the impeachment as well as of the Supreme Court, added their signatures like Reylina Nicolas (who, it would appear, signed, then withdrew, then signed again), Rudy Albano, Jules Ledesma, Aurelio Umali, Harry Angping, Vincent Garcia, Genaro Alvarez, Carlos Padilla, Tomas Dumpit, and Eduardo Veloso. People who invoke the rule of law yet think they are above it; who will not recognize the Supreme Court as the court of last resort, the interpreter of the Constitution. And then there are the fence sitters who would not recognize a principle even if it hit them in the face.

The worst of the lot are those who twist principle and facts beyond all recognition, the intellectually dishonest who don't care who get hurt in the process. Like the character assassins who tried to victimize COA auditor Cecilia Caga-anan with a vicious innuendo that was totally false, and got their comeuppance when she decided to protect her good name. Their latest victim is Noreen Davide Salas, the Chief Justice's daughter, a member of his confidential staff. They suggest that she is taking advantage of her relationship to chair the Uniform Committee that has a P150 million annual budget just ripe for her picking.

Guilt by innuendo. The only thing true about their statement is that she is chair of the Uniform Committee. The P150 million figure is inaccurate—the actual figure is more like P104 million per the General Appropriations Act of Congress—the allowed clothing allowance (since 2000) has been P4,000 per employee for 26,000 employees.

The innuendo of corruption is baseless—none of the procedures followed or awards made have ever been questioned by the COA; as chair, she is one out of 11 committee members, which include an officer of the SC Employees Association, its past president, the deputy clerk of court, en banc, the chief financial officer, a deputy court administrator. Furthermore, she is chair of the committee more by tradition than by choice: her two immediate predecessors were also the daughters (and confidential assistants) of sitting Chief Justices Narvasa and Fernan. They are there, clearly, not to make money but to serve as the eyes and ears of their fathers. If that is now considered wrong per se, then all spouses/sons/daughters should be banned from confidential positions in all government offices, Congress included.

These people destroy reputations with abandon, and then hide behind parliamentary immunity. God protect us from a system that will not only perpetuate them in power, but increase that power as well. The Philippines has withstood—and recovered—from many blows that would have brought lesser countries to their knees. A parliamentary system might be the killer.

A 'Dear Wimpy' letter from Iriga City

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

LAST Thursday evening, four members of the Nationalist People's Coalition core group that launched the impeachment move against Chief Justice Hilario Davide, visited the INQUIRER to dialogue with its staff, namely, Felix William Fuentebella, Joseph Santiago, Darlene Antonino-Custodio and Jack Duavit. Over a delicious Japanese dinner, the lawmakers said their impeachment complaint was prompted by their concern for the welfare of the judiciary personnel who, they claimed, have not gotten their just and rightful cost of living allowance from 80 percent of the Judiciary Development Fund (JDF) as provided by PD 1949. As we know now, there appears to be a difference between the computation employed by the congressmen and the Supreme Court and the Commission on Audit. The Cola was only one of the issues raised by the lawmakers to buttress their technical malversation charge, even though they were careful to stress that they did not believe Davide pocketed the funds.

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The INQUIRER proved hostile territory for the NPC lawmakers, as most of their listeners seemed unconvinced that the grounds they cited, e.g., the refurbished splendor of the Supreme Court's Session Hall, versus the poor conditions of many lower courts, constituted "impeachable offenses." To my mind, many of the issues could be settled by legislation, i.e., amending PD 1949 so that an oversight function over the JDF could be provided, without resorting to impeachment. As Presidential Adviser Heherson Alvarez put it, impeachment is "like banging one's head with a sledgehammer to cure a headache." Listening to the NPC lawmakers, I found myself wishing they would exercise the same judicious scrutiny over Congress' Countrywide Development Fund as well as the coconut levy funds in the past. If the public is reacting cynically to their anxiety over the JDF, this is because they have not made an accounting of their CDF, while the NPC has not explained Eduardo Cojuangco's use of the coco levy funds.

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The INQUIRER people were struck by the youthfulness of the NPC lawmakers, but some of us also thought how awfully lacking in wisdom they were. As I listened to their explanations, I was reminded of what George Bernard Shaw said: "Youth is such a beautiful thing, it's a pity that it's wasted on the young." It was obvious that the impeachment was a political weapon whose terrible consequences they seemed not to appreciate. Senior desk editor Rosario Garcellano couldn't restrain herself that she addressed Fuentebella as "Darling," like a mother scolding a son, but the congressman answered her by calling her "Darling," too. The ensuing guffaws dispelled some of the tension.

Bombarded with questions, some of which were outright hostile, Duavit and Fuentebella, who had been nursing fevers, took up editor in chief Letty Magsanoc's offer of headache pills, and Custodio asked for one, too.

At this point, the citizens' hope is that the more mature and sober congressmen would withdraw their signatures so as to make the complaint moot and academic.

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Fuentebella said the impeachment issue came about when a group of his constituents approached him earlier this year to protest the exclusion of judiciary rank and file personnel from the salary increases being legislated for justices and judges by House Bill 5178 and the counterpart Senate Bill 2018 (which was signed into RA 9227 by President Macapagal-Arroyo two weeks ago). He said the employees' manifesto opened his eyes to the sorry lot of the court personnel and promoted him to probe into the way the JDF was being used by Davide. Interestingly, however, Lelu P. Contreras, clerk of court of the Iriga City RTC, who was one of those who trooped to his house in Naga City, wrote him a stinging letter last Nov. 5, 2003, practically branding him a fake crusader for the judiciary personnel. Contreras, whose family has had a long association with the Fuentebella family, pointed out that Wimpy broke his promise to withdraw his name as author of that House bill. Contreras, who was named Clerk of Court for 2003, said that not only did Wimpy not withdraw his name but he also failed to attend the second and third hearings in the House where he could have defended the court employees. "Why were you absent, Wimpy?" she asked. "Was it a subtle way of showing you had no participation in its passage when the employees confronted you again?"

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Wrote Contreras: "Now you want us, court employees, to glorify you as the knight in shining armor ready and willing to fight for our welfare via the impeachment of our Chief Justice, who, in the first place, has no hand in our exclusion from salary increase? The court employees who signed that manifesto (which he asked them to produce) which you are now brandishing as your mandate for your crusade, asked for an increase in the salary through legislation, not impeachment. You could have easily done this when the bill was being deliberated upon in the House. For reasons you alone know, you opt to remain silent in Congress. Is your move now a way of making up for failing the court personnel while the bill was still within your power and control?" Contreras stressed that despite former Speaker Noli Fuentebella's endorsement of her application for judgeship, she is setting aside any political affiliation "in order to remain steadfast in my conviction to defend the judiciary—the last bulwark of democracy."

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Two good forums tomorrow: "Radyo Balintataw" at 9:15 p.m. on dzRH, with Senate President Franklin Drilon expounding on four possible scenarios for the Supreme Court, and RPN Channel 9's "Forum," at 12 noon, with Presidential Adviser Heherson Alvarez dissecting the impeachment issue.

Going sexy

YOUNG BLOOD

Hans Enverga

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.**

WHEN it comes to sexuality, the Europeans are on top, figuratively speaking.

On my recent European tour, I realized so many things regarding how we Filipinos view sexuality—and everything that stems from it. Oftentimes, the topic is discussed in soft whispers. And just as often, with disdain—either pretended or genuine. I know because I share the same cultural paradigms.

In breezy Paris, couples display their fiery affections publicly as if no one else is around. The whole city is witness to its citizens' "expression of love" whether on the banks of the Seine River, inside the shaky and packed metro or beside Versaille's man-made lakes. Even a wall facing the busy street will find some lovers cuddling. Love can really be found in the most unexpected places. And in the "most romantic city in the world," it is everywhere.

Sunny Spain (which was not always sunny when we were there) is no different. But the Spaniards' liberal views on sexuality is manifested differently, if blatantly. In Malaga many women go sun bathing topless, and no one gives a damn—except us curious Filipinos, of course.

In Madrid, a band of gay men was striding Gran Via at around 3 a.m. Two were transvestites, the other two were wearing only polo shirts and nothing else. And to think a cold wind was blowing that morning.

In the house of my Spanish family where I was billetted, two Dutch ladies, a mother and her daughter, occupied one of the rooms. Like me, they were also studying Spanish, but in a different school. Here was the catch: We shared a bathroom located between our rooms.

One morning, I was inside the bathroom urinating, but still in my underwear. I was about to have shower before going to my 9 a.m. class.

The older Dutch lady, who must have been in her 50s, suddenly opened the door, which I had forgotten to lock. When she saw me, she just said, "Okay," without any trace of embarrassment.

It was not the only awkward encounter I had with my Dutch board mates. One morning, the daughter who was probably in her late 20s took a shower and went straight to her room, covering only her front with a white towel. When she saw me and my room mate, she just shrugged and said hello. That night the mother, the daughter and I went to the plaza to have a few drinks.

One time after dinner, I told the two Dutch ladies that I wished I were like them. "At least, you don't have to argue with the Pope," I said after they told me "living-in" was a very common practice in their country. If a couple wanted the security of marriage, the notary public would sign the necessary documents.

I told them that in the Philippines, a couple who decides to live in becomes the talk of the town.

They said Filipinos are traditional.

Which brings me to the point I want to make. Majority of us Filipinos have a long way to go when it comes to sexuality. My views on sexuality can hardly be called traditional, like my grandfather's. I've always thought I'm liberal. However, compared to Europeans I am a conservative.

But then consider this: How many of our country's youth study in Catholic schools, which dictate the norms to be followed by students? In addition, these Catholic schools teach sexuality in conjunction with theology. I am afraid this explains our sexual repression.

French children learn to sing, "One, two, three, turn to the right... blah-blah hold my sex." (Sorry, I have forgotten the lyrics.) I heard a 7-year-old boy sing the song in front of his father, and the latter enjoyed it. No theological lessons were coming from him.

It is both funny and sad that when we Filipinos talk about sex and sex organs, we use English terms. For instance an ad for a feminine wash tries to explain that the external genitalia is different from the vagina, but it doesn't use the Filipino word for vagina. Even among peers, it is considered more proper to use such terms for sex as "love-making" or "*nag-do-do*" or "*nagaanuhan*."

I am not saying that we should be like the Europeans totally. Of course, we Filipinos come from a different place and we have a different perspective and a different culture. But their liberalism on matters pertaining to sexuality seems to be working for them. Who knows, it might work for us too?

I have noticed that in France and Spain, having *beso-beso* during the first meeting is normal. Here the sexual divide is still very much in evidence. No touch is the rule, lest it be construed wrongly.

Some 6,000 miles from where I was born, nothing seems to shock people anymore. I'm the one who is shocked as pornographic magazines are one display in almost all newsstands, breasts are bare in advertisements lining the walls of the metro stations, Benetton condoms (yes, Benetton) are sold in vending machines placed inside public toilets. Both in Paris and Madrid, sex shops include a wide array of specialty stores. Porn videos can also be accessed on television. One just has to use a credit card to view an erotic flick.

It really seems as if these people are very horny. But their population growth rate is approximately zero to one percent. And what is the population growth rate of the "sexually repressed" Filipinos? Over 2 percent.

When I made a short presentation in Spanish about the Philippines, a German student expressed surprise when I said that Filipinos number almost 80 million. Germany's population is less than that, and France's is even lower. But France and Germany are way much bigger than the Philippines! I told him this was one reason why our country was as poor as a rat.

Maybe a sexual revolution can help bring down our runaway population growth.

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The machines are the stars

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

"THE MATRIX Revolutions" is supposed to document how a human, Neo, helped bring about the end of the war between humans and machines. Keanu Reeves reprises the role of Neo with his patented cool and enigmatic approach to character, conveying by posture and pose what is cannily concealed in dialogue and characterization. What is Neo all about? Alas, not even the end of the Matrix franchise gives us the full picture.

But Neo isn't really the star of this final installment in the trilogy. And neither is it any human. Instead, the real starring roles are given to machines: the spider-like probes and multi-tentacled attack clones fielded by the Matrix, as well as the gigantic human-propelled robots (reminiscent of the one employed by Ripley against the Mother Alien) that the humans rely on to fend off the onslaught of the machine forces. The machines are awesome: loud, clanking, gleaming dark metal colossi that shrivel all opposition by their display of sheer power. There is something truly frightening about an enemy that is intelligent and cunning and yet unhampered by such sentiments as compassion or fear.

The humans battle the machines heroically, including the hardy crew led by Morpheus (Laurence Fishbourne) and Niobe (Jada Pinkett Smith) who have defied the Council to give Neo one last chance to bring an end to the war. But in the end, it is logic and self-interest that settles matters, not heroism or emotion. When Agent Smith, who has transformed himself into a rogue virus that threatens even the machines' hegemony, inquires of Neo why he fights so hard to free humans, our hero replies simply: "Because I choose to." And it is by choosing survival over domination that the machines release the humans of Zion to their own flawed reality.

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WHILE "The Matrix Reloaded" created early buzz with such blockbuster scenes as the "burly brawl" and the freeway chase, "Revolutions" focuses much of its time and creative power in depicting the final battle in the war between humans and machines. But it does have its own classic fight scene: the final clash between Agent Smith and Neo. While the "burly brawl" had Neo fighting off dozens of Agent Smith clones, this time the two sworn enemies go at it *mano-a-mano* in a rain-soaked scene.

The Wachowski brothers, who created the Matrix saga and ushered us all into their alternate reality, were reported to have been unhappy with the rain in this climactic fight scene, arguing that the rain drops were too small to create much of an impact onscreen. Special "rain" thus had to be developed, soaking Reeves and Hugo Weaving throughout the eight weeks it took to film the scene.

This reminds me of the account that emerged from the filming of "Singing in the Rain," and the director's similar unhappiness with the invisible rain drops in Gene Kelly's song-and-dance number. Their solution? Mixing a little milk with the water, creating "fatter" and more cinematic rain drops.

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I'M writing this in Newark, New Jersey, where I am to attend a workshop on "TB policy, advocacy, communications and partnership" at the New Jersey Medical School—National Tuberculosis Center. With me are Dr. Juan Antonio Perez III, chief of party of Philippine TIPS (Tuberculosis Initiatives for the Private Sector), and Dr. Reynaldo Olazo, president of the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians, taking part in a study tour on tuberculosis advocacy to acquaint ourselves with strategies that have been successfully employed to strengthen TB advocacy work in order to more effectively influence policy and spending on TB eradication efforts.

But what does the United States have to offer the Philippines where TB is widespread and has been an entrenched public health problem for decades? Though the TB problem in the United States hasn't yet reached the proportions it has in our country, both public and private sector responses to tuberculosis in the United States have lots to offer Filipinos in terms of best practices in addressing the health situation as well as in creating public awareness.

Dr. Perez says American health authorities "woke up" to the reality of TB in the United States sometime in the 1980s—thanks largely to a book written by Dr. Lee Reichman, executive director of the NJMS National Tuberculosis Center—and resolved to move against the disease with urgency and dispatch. It's believed that TB, which was thought at that time to have been eradicated from the United States, was reintroduced by migrants from poor countries and found a foothold in poverty-stricken and congested urban neighborhoods, particularly in New York and cities like Newark. Which just goes to prove that not even the most prosperous countries in the world can afford to ignore TB and fail to address the underlying conditions that fuel the resurgence—as well as the persistence—of the disease.

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IT'S really a mystery why TB continues to kill as many people as it does every day around the world. The World Health Organization estimates that from two to three million people die each year from TB—more youth and adults than any other infectious disease.

Why a mystery? Because health authorities around the world have long known how to cure and control TB. A highly effective, low-tech treatment exists, using medicines that cost as little as $11 per patient in some countries. The WHO-recommended TB treatment strategy—known as DOTS (for Directly Observed Treatment Short-course)—has proven successful in every part of the world and is considered to be a cost-effective intervention "on par with childhood vaccinations and the control of diarrhoeal diseases."

Why can't we move more decisively against TB, then? As with many other problems, "political will" seems to be a major sticking point.

'Pho' and tourism

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

CONSOLE me while I weep on your shoulder. I just returned from Saigon and aside from being pleasantly delighted at the varied taste of their food (their presentation is beautiful as well), I couldn't help but watch tourists enjoying the sights with not a little envy. Dining in colonial houses that have been restored merely heightens the pleasure. Now, tell me what is it about us that all we can imagine are new malls? Can we compete with, say, Korea? I'm told they have two 20-story malls that are open 24 hours, selling all kinds of export over-runs.

In the meantime, my daughter sent me an article written by one Barth Suretsky which clarifies the subject even more: "When the Vietnam War ended in April 1975, the country was totally devastated. Yet in the past twenty-five years the nation has healed and rebuilt itself almost miraculously! The countryside has been replanted and reforested. Hanoi and HCMC have been beautifully restored. The opera house in Hanoi is a splendid restoration of the original, modeled after the Opera in Paris, and the gorgeous Second Empire theater on the main square of HCMC is as it was when built by the French a century ago.

"The streets are tree-lined, clean, and conducive for strolling. Cafés in the French style proliferate on the wide boulevards of HCMC. I am not praising the government of Vietnam, which still has a long way to travel on the road to democracy, but I do praise, and praise unstintingly, the pride of the Vietnamese people. It is this pride in being Vietnamese that has enabled its citizenry to undertake the miracle of restoration that I have described above."

It goes without saying that people need healthy egos and a reasonable amount of self-esteem to succeed in life. The lack of it leads to all kinds of dysfunctions as any cursory reading of a drug addict's life and character will attest. Most people who need chemicals to get through the day are usually in dire need of boosting their egos. As parents we are advised to bolster our children's self-worth positively, to affirm them as we affirm our friends. Translate that into the national psyche and you begin to realize the extent of the problem.

Marcos, much as it may pain us to admit it, must have understood something about the relationship between national pride and its symbols, which is why Manila, the country's premier city, was spruced up starting with Rizal Park and continuing with the establishment of the Cultural Center. Instead of building on what there was after 1986, we proceeded to enact the Lina Law, put down the Center and its concept by referring to it as Imelda's "edifice complex," removed its financial basis and proceeded to gild the lily at the park by adding all kinds of kitsch.

Bataan, of course, is attacked every year by nay-sayers who insist we're celebrating a defeat and someone else's war, at the same time belittling the Filipinos who sacrificed, suffered and died. A memorial to the Battle of Manila has never been erected nor is there one to the guerrillas. Let's not even mention the poor katipuneros. They lost, didn't they?

There is, as some of you are aware, a Bataan Memorial in that province built at the instigation of "he whose name must not be mentioned" a la Harry Potter. And a quite impressive structure it is, until you come to the exhibits where lo and behold the present curator decided to devote a section to Japanese "kamikaze" heroes!

There is a War Museum in HCMC but after the tour of the Cu Chi tunnels and the tortures inflicted, my group didn't have the stomach for it. I would bet a month's income that nowhere is there mention of any French or American "heroes" of that war. As Dr. Benito Legarda asks in his newest book "Occupation '42," don't we have any self-respect? It sure looks like we don't.

Thus, instead of ending with a National Museum Complex, we ended up with one building and P2 billion worth of scandal at the Clark Centennial Expo. My only consolation on my Vietnam trip was that their museum of anthropology looks the way ours did before the Finance building was restored to show off the San Diego and other exhibits. But give them time.

Most of us don't even know where our museum is and couldn't care less, despite the fact that museums are where most travelers are brought to at least once on their tour of a country. You may wish to take a survey of how many of your congressmen have visited the former Finance building and understood the need to complete the complex.

I'm pointing this out not to add salt to the wound but in the hope that someone who can effect a change will do so—fast. Instead of the endless strife among our leaders, the ordinary Filipino can only pray that our representatives will take a long hard look at themselves and their motives and ask if they really believe they're worth emulating. It doesn't appear to bother any of them that we're practically at the bottom of the economic list and we only approach the top when it comes to corruption and criminality.

And while you're examining the evidence, will you please tell me what there is for us to be proud about? I was told by a priest that I should take pride in the Filipino family and by one of our politicians in the lowering of the inflation rate.

You see what I mean when I say they don't understand jack.

THEY SAID

No time to waste

"The Philippines would be severely handicapped if our President would use the first few years of his term to learn economic, administrative and diplomatic skills. We can't afford this at this point because our country's problems have piled up and we can't tarry any longer to solve them."

—Federation of Philippine Industries chair Raul Concepcion on the possibility of having Fernando Poe Jr. as president of the country

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Health care has a price

WHILE it is not correct (or popular) for hospitals to turn away ill patients in need of immediate health care, particularly indigent patients, please permit me to provide what I think may be some important background points for the public to consider so that we can come up with constructive solutions that may mitigate this tragic situation.

Hospitals, like any enterprise, need finances to operate. Without money, hospitals shut down health service delivery. While laws are made to protect specifically the poor, hospitals may resort to charging more from those who can afford in order to have funds to allocate for the many indigent families seeking free medical attention.

Access to health care has a price, whether paid out of pocket or taken from society's collective contribution. The public should understand that our country currently has over 80 million people, many of whom are living in poverty. Public health sector funding is not adequate, and the private health sector may not have enough resources to handle the poor as well. Even those who make claims that health services and products are for free have conditioned the poor to believe in fantastic expectations. At the end of the day, they have only done everyone a great disservice.

Hence, I ask these questions in the hope of providing different perspectives:

- Did the parents of the quadruplets have national health insurance to cover their hospitalization?
- Did the mother, knowing that she was in the family way, seek pre-natal/antenatal check-ups? What was the advice given to her about delivering four babies? Where should she go for potentially high-risk delivery? How should she be correctly managed in a medical center?
- Assuming once the parents delivered their children, hopefully all in healthy condition, how are they to fund their daily sustenance?
- What is the current infant mortality rate for premature babies in various levels of socioeconomic conditions?
- Were both parents prepared to have children in the first place?
- Who in our society will take the obligations to discuss responsible parenthood with the poor sector of society and about their rights and responsibilities to society, and the child or children they will bring into the world?

There are many Calisaans in our nation. They are the current sensationalized tip of the iceberg. Let us all help address the root causes of poverty rather than address only the signs and symptoms of poverty or condemning persons and institutions for this tragic event. Living with the issues of poverty every day may make one callous to the plight of the poor. Moreover, poverty may one day be used as a convenient excuse in society.

—DR. KENNETH HARTIGAN-GO, The Zuellig Foundation, Makati City

Napolcom clarifies promotion needs

THIS has reference to the news article titled, "Napolcom policy irks Manila cops" by Leila Salaverria. (PDI, 10/27/03, P. 23)

It stated that certain cops from Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association Inc. have expressed disgust over the statements of Conrad Taule regarding the non-inclusion of police officers with pending criminal/administrative cases in the May 1 special promotions presently being evaluated and prepared by the National Police Commission. These police officers claim that the said prohibition is unlawful and contradicts Section 5 of Napolcom Memorandum Circular No. 92-016. On the latter part of the clipping, a representative of this police group slammed the PNP and Napolcom for requiring police officers to undergo highly expensive and time-consuming mandatory training courses to ensure that their special promotion is in permanent status.

Be advised that under Section 38 (a) of Republic Act 6975, which took effect in 1991, it is stated, *inter alia*:

"...No uniformed member of the PNP shall be eligible for promotion unless he has been cleared by the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) of complaints proferred against him, if any."

The above provision was again adopted and amended in Section 33 (a) of RA 8551 which took effect in 1998. Under this provision:

"...No uniformed member of the PNP shall be eligible for promotion during the pendency of his or her administrative and/or criminal case or unless he or she has been cleared by the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), and the Office of the Ombudsman of any complaints proferred against him or her, if any."

This provision applies to all forms of promotion—whether regular or special promotion by virtue of position or via lateral entry.

On the issue of the required "schooling" or training, training and experience requirements are waived when it comes to special promotion. Only the eligibility and the educational requirements are mandatory for special promotion in permanent status. Police officers who qualify for special promotion but lack either the required education or eligibility can still be promoted, albeit in temporary status.

The point, therefore, regarding the amount of money a police officer will be forced to shell out to attend the mandatory training just to ensure that a special promotion becomes permanent, has no basis.

—LINDA L. MALENAB-HORNILLA, commissioner officer in charge, Office of the Vice Chairman and Executive Officer, National Police Commission, 371 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

Views, not news

THIS is in reference to the column titled "When the audience stirs," by Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon last Sunday, Oct. 5.

While I can only reiterate our respect for Maglipon as a columnist and critic, I cannot help but wonder why print media practitioners should continue to pick on their broadcast counterparts on the issue of the Kris Aquino-Joey Marquez coverage.

Did not the INQUIRER and other national broadsheets and tabloids devote hefty column inches and bold-type headlines to the Kris-Joey scandal when it first erupted?

The day after Kris broke her silence on the issue, the INQUIRER even carried three front-page stories about her last Sept. 26.

While the story of Kris and Joey may sound trivial to some, as in the case of Maglipon and her ilk, there is no denying that a generous amount of public interest (or what journalists call, the news value) was involved when the story broke out, thus resulting in the kind of broadcast—and print media—coverage that Maglipon is complaining about.

Perhaps, we at ABS-CBN simply know our responsibility to our viewers.

However, I wish to assure Maglipon that even if Kris belongs to our station and Joey is a talent of GMA 7, the men and women of our News and Current Affairs Department always tried to give their very best in achieving the ultimate objectivity, fairness and balance in reporting all sides of the multi-faceted Kris-Joey controversy.

—LEAH C. SALTERIO, director for public relations, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp., Mother Ignacia Street, Quezon City

A column is one (wo)man's opinion which the INQUIRER respects even if it does not agree with its content.—Ed.

Higher sugar prices in the offing?

A SUDDEN upsurge in the price of sugar in the coming months is currently being feared by industrial users with the issuance by the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) of Sugar Order No. 1 and No. 2, mandating a 4 percent allocation of this crop-year's production for export to the world market. This allocation is in addition to an earlier allocation to serve the US quota, also 4 percent, and a one-half of 1 percent allocation for food processor-exporters.

According to the executives of the country's major industrial users of sugar, who however requested not to be identified, the creation of the 4 percent allocation has created a substantial reduction in the supply of sugar for the domestic market and has given the wrong perception that there is an excess supply of sugar.

On the contrary, the reality, they say, is that there was only 183,000 MT of raw sugar in the beginning of the current crop-year last month, as reported by the SRA itself. Such a quantity is roughly equivalent to just one month's national consumption.

This balance was merely about 5,000 MT above last crop-year's beginning balance of 178,000 MT. That was when the SRA allowed an importation of 54,500 MT of refined sugar to augment last year's crop-year supply.

It is therefore construed that unless the SRA allows at least a similar importation of minimum access volume (MAV) of 54,500 MT of refined sugar on October until early November, the market could just be suddenly shocked by the critical level of the supply of sugar.

As of last Sept. 28, raw sugar balance has gone down to only 115,600 MT, now much below one month's consumption level. On the other hand, refined sugar balance cannot be counted upon as free reserves since refined sugar are mostly already owned by industrial users.

This situation is aggravated by the fact that as of the same date, reported production was only 23,500 MT. Such a situation, they fear, could just result in panic-hoarding and a sudden upsurge in the price of sugar.

Ironically, many of the sugar traders, although admittedly perceptive of the tight situation, would not comment.

Administrator James Ledesma of the SRA is, however, currently watching the situation very intently.

—FIDELINO V. REGATTA, 1921 Citiland Tower, Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City

No diversion of funds

THE UNITED Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) categorically denies that Florence Tayzon, assistant representative, has issued any statement "accusing" President Macapagal-Arroyo of "diversion of funds." (PDI, 10/24/03, P. A4, "Rise in unwanted pregnancies seen")

The UNFPA further wishes to clarify that the funds being referred to are not UNFPA funds but government funds.

The statement was meant to be positive, illustrating the Philippine government's effort to provide funds for contraceptives from its own national budget during the administration of President Estrada, given that the country has been donor-dependent for these commodities for many years.

According to Tayzon, nowhere in the interview was there a discussion on any "diversion of funds." The focus of the interview was on the implications of the lack of access to modern contraceptives, which could lead to more abortions and a possible rise in maternal mortality.

—ZAHIDUL HUQUE, representative, United Nations Population Fund, Makati City

The story in question was an Agence France Presse wire story release.—Ed.

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Typhoid fever outbreak kills 3, afflicts 29 in Samar town

TACLOBAN CITY—Three persons have died while 29 others have fallen ill following an outbreak of typhoid fever in three villages in Marabut town, Samar in September, health officials said.

Health officials said the disease was caused by "fecal contamination" of the source of drinking water in adjacent Barangays Osmeña, Panan-awan and Mabuhay, about 16 km from the town proper.

The villages get their water from an open shallow well, said Boyd Cerro, Department of Health regional sentinel nurse.

But, he said, they had controlled the spread of the disease. "We have asked the community affected to boil their drinking water," he said, adding that they also provided antibiotics to those afflicted by the disease.

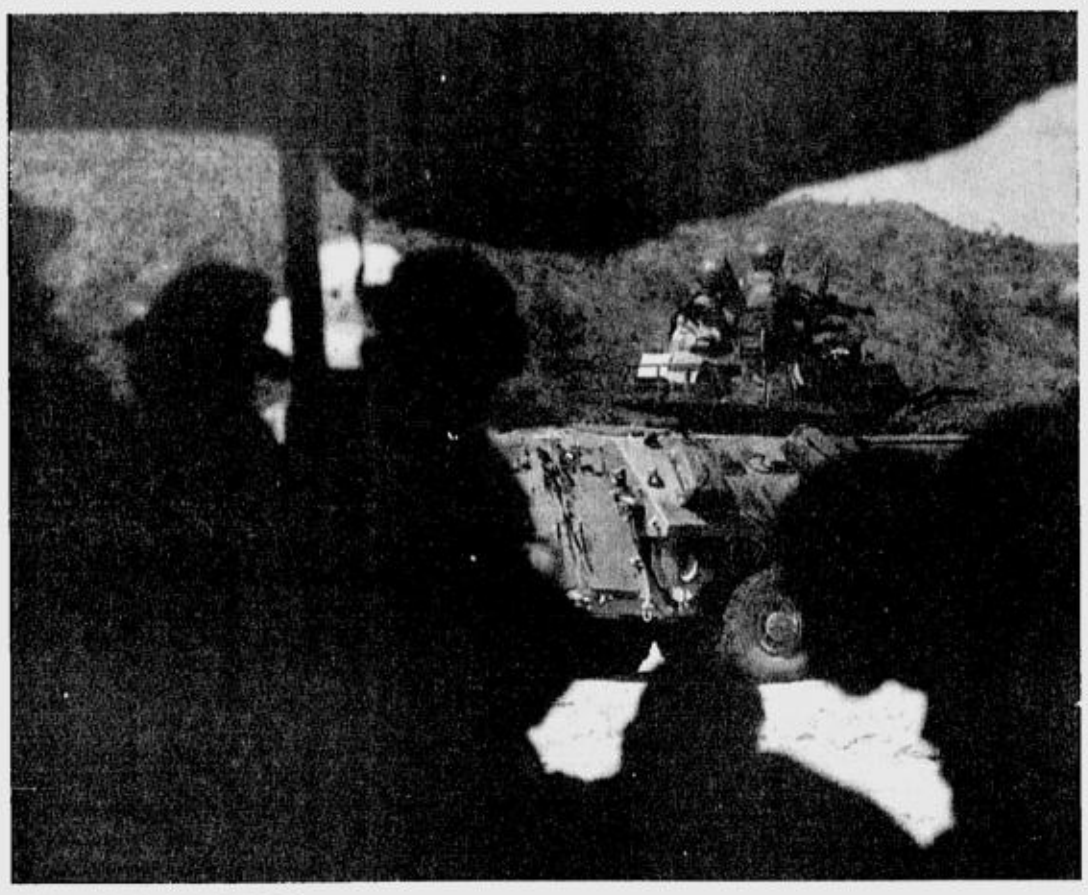
Cerro was part of a team from DOH central office that went to the villages to conduct an investigation after the health department was informed about the outbreak by Marabut Mayor Clarito Bocar last week.

The water-borne disease was first detected in Barangay Osmeña on Sept. 15. Five days later, a 25-year-old man died of typhoid fever in Osmeña. The last case in the village was recorded on Oct. 25.

The other victims were a 15-year-old girl from Osmeña and a 55-year-old man from Panan-awan.

Of the three affected villages, Osmeña had the highest number of cases at 16 with two deaths while Panan-awan had 14 cases with one death. Mabuhay had two typhoid cases.

Cerro said it was the first time in recent months that typhoid had occurred in Marabut and in neighboring villages. *Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*



LEARNING PROCESS DENNIS SABANGAN/EPA

Filipino soldiers watch US Marines aboard a light armored vehicle during the continuation of military exercises between US and Philippine troops dubbed Talon Vision in Capas, Tarlac.

De Oro families benefit from new housing project

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—At least 10 poor families here got the biggest surprise of their lives when the Bureau of Customs (BOC) built them houses this month.

Helen Pepito of Punta Bon in Barangay Bonbon here could not believe that her dream of owning a decent dwelling would be realized when Customs employees and volunteers started demolishing her dilapidated 15-square meter house made of rotting lumber, plywood, and rusty G.I. sheets.

Soon after, the new structure with concrete reinforcements was starting to take shape.

"I am happy that we will soon have a new house which is (much) better than the old one," she said.

Like Nang Helen, Jaime Dumaog was also overjoyed.

A new structure was rising from where his former house, fashioned out of tree branches and used sacks, was located.

"I am very thankful that I am one of the chosen beneficiaries. Christmas came very early for me," Nong Jaime told the INQUIRER.

Nang Helen and Nong Jaime were among the 10 beneficiaries here of the Bureau of Customs' nationwide housing project.

The project, being undertaken with the Couples for Christ, was aimed at building 101 houses for poor families in connection with the agency's 101st anniversary.

Customs Commissioner Antonio Bernardo began the outreach project in Davao City on Oct. 31.

During the house build here, Commissioner Bernardo joined Customs District Collector Lourdes Mangaoang and the rest of the volunteers in building the houses.

Bernardo said the BOC did not spend a single centavo for the project.

The materials were donated by various sectors including employees themselves.

Customs Inspector John Wayne Alinog, who joined the BOC some 25 years ago, said the housing project was the first unique project the agency has undertaken. *Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

AMID GORDON'S OPPOSITION

Subic port project endorsed

SUBIC, Zambales—The provincial board of Zambales and officials of four towns around the Subic Freeport on Thursday supported the implementation of the $215-million Subic seaport modernization project.

The endorsement was contained in a resolution signed by provincial board members and councilors of Subic, Castillejos, San Marcelino and San Antonio towns.

The project, however, is being opposed by Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, the Cabinet officer for regional development (Cord) in Central Luzon.

Gordon had questioned the plan of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority to borrow $157 million or P8.5 billion to develop a port at the Subic Bay Freeport.

During a meeting of the National Economic and Development Authority this week, Gordon said the proposed port development project is contrary to the government's privatization policy and would put the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo "under unnecessary risk."

While stressing that he was in favor of the modernization of the Subic port, Gordon said he was questioning the fesibility of the SBMA plan in view of the government's program to pursue privatization.

But Zambales Gov. Vicente Magsaysay said the province has declared "full and unconditional support" for the project, which, he noted, is expected to bring economic progress to Central Luzon.

Magsaysay, along with municipal mayors, reiterated his call for Gordon's ouster as Cord for "obstructing progress" in the province.

"If Gordon continues to block this project, we will pursue the call for his ouster as Cord. We will fight for the ouster of Gordon or anyone who will oppose the port project," Magsaysay said.

San Marcelino Mayor Lydia Rodriguez said they supported the project because this would create jobs and bring in revenues and progress to the province. *Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Science officials launch new technology to give scavengers income, jobs

DAVAO CITY—The Department of Science and Technology said scavengers can now earn as much as P15,000 a month with the newest technology it introduced through the Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI).

DOST regional director Maria Delia Morados said the ITDI composting bioreactor can employ a number of scavengers who can have the chance to earn big.

"This technology is putting some dignity to poor scavengers," Morados said.

She said the scavengers can now also be called entrepreneurs because their job is considered their own business.

On Tuesday, the first composting bioreactor in the city was launched.

Morados said a certain engineer Necito Gumapac owns the bioreactor, which should serve as a model not only for the government but also for all citizens as part of everybody's efforts to minimize if not eradicate the garbage problem and generate employment.

Engineer Romeo Cabacang, chief of the ITDI-DOST Microbiology and Genetics Division, explained that the bioreactor works as a machine that processes biodegradable wastes into organic fertilizers.

Cabacang said the technology was launched in Manila sometime in 1996 as an offshoot of the search for solutions to the metropolis' garbage problem and was then duplicated in other cities.

He said an individual or a group would spend about P250,000 to set up a bioreactor that could compost 500 kilos of garbage daily.

Morados said the scavengers' earnings will come from their collected wastes in households like those collected from subdivisions, which they will bring to the bioreactor.

She said normally, household owners pay scavengers P5 for a "sando bag" cellophane of garbage.

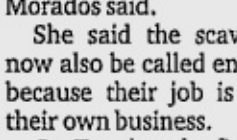
Scavengers will also be paid for the garbage they bring to the bioreactor.

"This means if there is quite a number of groups or organizations which adopt this technology, more people will be employed while we are promoting the solid waste management program," she said.

She said they are now fast-tracking their efforts to introduce the technology to the city government and even private companies.

Morados said the barangays could also set up their own bioreactors. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Countdown for Justice



WAPILE

IT is exactly 544 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

Bulacan recognized

THE DEPARTMENT of Interior and Local Governments and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council cited Bulacan Gov. Josefina de la Cruz for her performance on land use.

De la Cruz, according to a press statement from her office, got the highest number of approved Comprehensive Land Use Plans (CLUP) in the country.

De la Cruz received the award during the Local Government Unit Shelter Conference at the Shangri-La Hotel in Makati City.

Bulacan under De la Cruz got 23 approved CLUPs, higher than any other province in the country.

"This recognition would inspire me more," said De la Cruz in her statement.

NOTICE AND WARNING

GE Appliances

hereby informs and warns the public that

seventy-five (75) units of its GE Refrigerators (GAV9BDNRLG model) became the subject of robbery while being transported to the company's warehouse in Pasig City on 24-25 October 2003.

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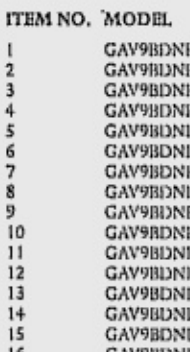

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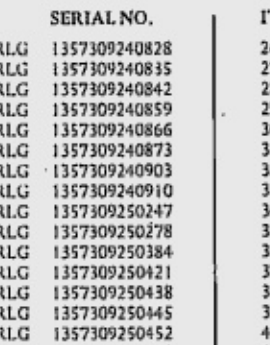

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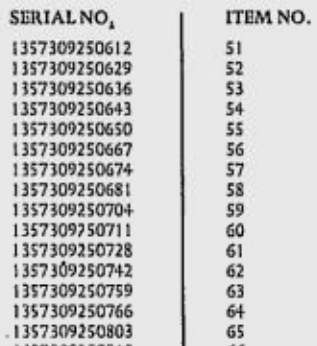

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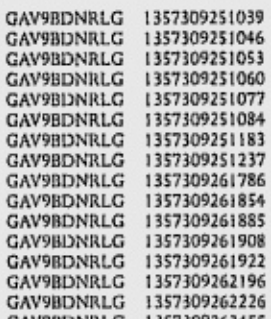

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SEGREGATION has diminished Rosa Java's chances to scavenge but she's not complaining. JO CLEMENTE

City finds the cure for its stinking dump

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San Carlos City, Negros Occidental

YOU'VE got to smell it to believe it! In San Carlos City, what used to be a stinking open garbage dumpsite lorded by flies and worms is now a rich repository of compost. No stench, no gory picture of rotting animal carcasses, just the soiled remains of empty plastic bags embedded into the compost ready to be pulled out to be recycled elsewhere.

And yes, the city government still dumps their waste into this 2-hectare site while setting up their new Solid Waste Management Facility. But each day they throw in about two tons of garbage, they also cover these with rice hull to form windrows that measure about 8 meters high and 5 meters wide. The rice hull-covered garbage is then left to itself for six months to cleanse and transform everything biodegradable into a humus substance enough to fertilize a vegetable plot or a flower garden.

And indeed, patches of flower gardens welcome one at the entrance of the site.

More than a means to rehabilitate the six-year old dump before it is finally closed, San Carlos City Mayor Eugenio Lacson said they are now convinced of the rice hull technology and will adopt the same method when they finally move to their new solid waste facility.

"We're totally convinced of the technology and I believe it is just right for a City like ours, given our existing resources. It is safe and it uses indigenous materials, at the same time solves the requirements of the rice millers. Instead of burning the rice hull, they give it to us and we use it for the dump," he said.

The rice hull method was introduced to San Carlos City by the Canadian Executive Service Organization (Ceso) in May last year as part of its Comprehensive Solid Waste Master Plan, which the city government adopted in compliance with the requirements of Republic Act 9003 or the Philippine Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

Ceso on the other hand was accessed by a Negros-based non-government organization called Genesys or Global Environment and Nature Ecosystems Society, which the city government tapped to encourage private sector participation in the endeavor.

A study undertaken by Ceso's consultant Bill Goodings revealed that 80 percent of the city's domestic waste is organic, but that sorting out the garbage as already thrown into the dump was impossible. Thus, they chose to compost the mixed garbage through the natural aerobic process and used rice hull as treatment to bring more air into the waste and the needed "carbon" to stabilize the organic portion of these solid waste.

Aerobic bacteria are already present in any organic waste. When the pile becomes malodorous, this means that the oxygen needed by the aerobic bacteria to thrive is depleted and methane is produced. This condition is righted by aerating the waste and adding carbon material such as rice hull to complete the aerobic process.

In three days, the 8-meter high windrows of hull-covered mixed garbage start to work as compost pile. As per the experience of San Carlos City, interior temperature of piles reach 55 degrees Celsius and in that environment, flies, weeds and other pathogens are killed and the odor diminishes to tolerable levels. From here the rice hull is mixed in and left alone for six months.

Edgar Lopez, an officer of the city's General Services Department and in charge of the project, said they stick in long mercury thermometers to take the temperature of the pile as this has a bearing on the quality of compost that can be produced. "At 50 to 60 degrees celsius, we can produce better quality compost good for farm requirements," he said.

Lopez also started to breed African night crawlers, an earthworm species, right at the dumpsite to support full rehabilitation of the site.

Today, even as the city government still uses the same site for their dump, there is a noticeable decline in the presence of recyclables, an improvement, they say, in the way the people of the city manage their garbage.

'No segregation, no collection'

The City has two policies in its advocacy for zero waste.

"If they don't segregate, we don't collect," said Mayor Lacson. "Their waste are left in front of their houses for a few days just to impress to the people that segregation should really start at source."

Lacson said they also do not encourage the use of plastic garbage bags. While an ordinance is yet to be passed by the city council that would penalize non-segregation of garbage, advocacy work is already being done on the barangay level.

Genesys had been the city government's partner in this information and education campaign that runs the entire gamut of the garbage cycle.

Princess Solis, acting executive director of Genesys, said their advocacy campaign leans towards a change in lifestyle because technical know-how can help reduce garbage. "The garbage is no longer a problem; we have to work on the people now," she said in Filipino.

Her team employs community catalysts who conduct trainings to key individuals and leaders in a community, which in turn develop their respective barangay plans. These plans cover the A to Z of managing their garbage.

The city for its part had implemented a garbage collection system that also separates biodegradable wastes from recyclables. Three compactor trucks go around the city daily to collect biodegradable wastes while two open trucks do the rounds for recyclable garbage at scheduled days for each part of the city.

While garbage segregation is a process yet to be perfected at source, the attempt to limit disposal to residual waste is high on the city government's agenda. A few manifestations can already be seen.

Decline in scavenging

Rosa Java is a scavenger who scouts for recyclables and sell these to junk shops. She lives within the dumpsite compound the last three years even when it was still filthy. They ate inside mosquito nets then, to get the flies off their food. During the rainy months, worms from decaying garbage crawled up their shanties.

That's all gone now, she said, but with it is a decline in their source of living. Rosa said they used to earn about a thousand pesos a week from the junk they were able to get from the dumpsite. Today they are lucky if they get to earn P300 for the same period.

Solis attributed this to the improvement of the people's knowledge about segregation. What others threw away in the past, they now collect themselves and sell.

Solis said they were looking at the 13 families living at the dump area as possible partners in gathering the plastics from the composts. These plastics will also be compressed into blocks and then sold to recycling plants. In the meantime, the scavengers were given soft loans by the city government for use as their capital in buying the recyclables from various sources.

"In sum, what matters is what we can do well with the resources we have," said Lacson.

Lacson, who was the city's vice mayor for three terms before becoming its chief executive, said 'continuity' is also a key in local governance. "Just continue the good (policies) from a past administration and follow the development plan so that resources are maximized and projects are not disrupted."

Right now, San Carlos City is a learning school for the rest of the country's local government units, it being the first to apply rice hull technology using the windrow technique for mixed garbage in its solid waste project. Local officials from across the country had been going to this city to look at the project—to better appreciate it—and smell the dumpsite as well. If only for this, San Carlos City is worth a visit.

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Impeachment crisis overshadows other controversial cases

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JUST LIKE in Manila and other major cities of the country, the hottest topic of the past two weeks was the impeachment case that, as of Thursday, 85 members of the House of Representatives had dared to file against one of the most admired, most respected and probably most-awarded official of the Judiciary, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, no less.

In Bacolod, where the so-called civil society is probably one of the most vigilant and outspoken in the country, hundreds, maybe thousands, leaped into their vehicles and roared around the city loudly denouncing the Brat Pack in the House and declaring unstinted support for Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

Some members of the local media, noting that most of the protestors came from the professional groups, the middle class and the "elite," quickly noted that and pointed out the fact that no such support had been given to the complaining rank-and-file workers of the judiciary who were left out in the latest bonanza granted by Congress only to justices and judges.

The reaction was swift—members of the protesting "elite" and would-be elite immediately denounced media people who dared attempt to give the other side. Anybody who didn't believe as they did were tagged as Danding Cojuangco stooges. Up to the time of this writing, text messages pro and con were still flying back and forth, most of them with the post-script "Pls. pass," but nobody seemed to be taking them seriously.

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Just as the impeachment issue had clouded the former blockbuster, which was the Jose Pidal issue, it also overshadowed the most sensational case in Bacolod City. This was the savage abduction and murder of a barangay captain and two of his companions from the city. Their bodies were later found in different towns—one in Negros Occidental, and the two others in Iloilo. All had been dumped in the sea.

The most surprising twist in the story was when the National Bureau of Investigation charged the Bacolod police officer noted for his relentless and very successful campaign against illegal drugs. The policeman is now in the custody of the police chief, and Bacolod residents are worried about the drug problem in the city, especially after the Provincial Police Director himself stated that 70 percent of the illegal drugs being distributed in the province comes from Bacolod City. Records of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency also showed that the city is the main distribution point of drugs in Negros Occidental.

The relief of the Chief of Police effective this week also stirred up questions among residents. Although many had been complaining about his alleged ineffectual stint, they lately realized that it was under Supt. George Bajelot that the campaign against illegal drugs had been most effective. Now they are eyeing his successor with speculative appraisal.

The obviously salvaging case of Barangay Captain Eleuterio Salabas and his two visitors from Mindanao, for which drug-buster Senior Insp. Clarence Dongail had been nailed, took another dramatic turn before All Souls' Day. The widow of Salabas suddenly announced that another suspect, in fact, a possible mastermind had come up. She named a local businessman, Manolo Escalante, a casino moneylender, as the one who had planned the murder of her husband, who owed him money.

Escalante's lawyer pointed out that her own description of the body found in Iloilo did not tally with that in the autopsy report of the NBI. But she insisted that her own son had identified the body, which had been cremated before being brought back to Bacolod.

Meanwhile, as the drug problem continues to hound the city, Bacolod mayor Luzviminda Valdez shocked residents when she reportedly told the Regional head of the Philippine National Police that the drug industry in the city had been taken over by a businessman. Reacting to the report, Ed Guillen, who is also the president of the local electric cooperative, Ceneco, responded by challenging the mayor to have both their families undergo drug tests immediately.

It is not yet known how that was received by the mayor, who has lots of other problems on her mind. One of them is the hearing scheduled this week by Malacañang on the charges of alleged ignorance of the law for having ordered the demolition of a drainage structure on private property without Sanggunian sanction.

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After the triumphant return of the Paglaum girls' softball team with the championship trophy from the US, another group of athletes returned to Bacolod from the Palaro Games in Tubod, Lanao del Sur, with a miserable seventh place in the over-all ranking. It would not have been so bad if they were not the defending champions.

Anyway, the poor kids found out that unlike the Paglaum team who were lionized and feted all around, nobody seemed to want to meet them, much less scramble for photo-opportunities with them. At least they know now that failure is an orphan.

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She said FPJ has been meeting with people in Metro Manila, but denied that the actor was touring the provinces.

"He is meeting mostly ordinary people here in Metro Manila. He is trying to hear their concerns, but he has been doing that ever since, long before this," she said.

Roces also noted that FPJ's decision to run was not entirely his.

"He is not the only who is going to decide. Granted that he decides to enter politics, it would have to be discussed by the coalition to find out who would be the standard-bearer. That decision is not his," she said. *With a report from Luige del Puerto*

US firm to set up 1st solar cell plant in RP

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owned local subsidiary Sunpower Corp. will begin setting up the plant next month for the production of solar cells from wafers that are to be fabricated in the Philippines, said Theresa Go, director of the subsidiary's local operations.

"This will be the first time for large-scale production of photo-voltaic cells to be carried out in Southeast Asia," she said.

Photo-voltaic cells are the key components of solar energy systems, converting sunlight into electricity.

They are vital in providing power in remote areas isolated from larger power grids as well as in reducing dependence on non-renewable energy sources like oil, officials said.

Go said most of the company's output would be exported with about 20 percent sold locally, adding that their photo-voltaic cells were among the most efficient in the world.

Such cells could play a crucial role in the government's effort to provide electricity to remote rural areas and small islands, she said.

Go said Sunpower decided to begin wafer fabrication in this country after the government and local utilities gave an assurance of a steady, stable supply of electricity and water, key ingredients for production of silicon wafers.

Numerous assemblers of semiconductors and other electronic products have located in the Philippines in recent years, becoming the country's largest source of exports.

The government has long been trying to convince the private sector to set up wafer fabrication facilities in the country so that more of the core materials for semiconductors would be produced locally.

However, electronics firms have complained that the country's infrastructure is not yet up to standard for wafer fabrication, which requires a very precise, steady supply of electricity and a guaranteed supply of water.

Go conceded that making wafers for photo-voltaic cells was easier than making wafers for semiconductors.

She expressed hope, however, that Sunpower's venture would show other electronic firms that the Philippines is improving its infrastructure to allow companies to engage in more sophisticated operations.

Aside from semiconductor manufacturing in the Philippines, California-based Cypress's has facilities in Indonesia and Taiwan.

Go said Cypress chose the Philippines for this project because it had built up its Asian manufacturing base in the country over the last seven years. *AFP*

'Bad Boy of Dadiangas' finally meets his match

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Former World Boxing Council junior lightweight champion Rolando Navarrete got a dose of his own medicine when his live-in partner put up a fight after the boxer punched her in the stomach the other day over a misunderstanding.

Elizabeth Subli proved to be a tough fighter when she bit Navarrete's arm several times and hit him in the face and head with a piece of wood.

While the boxer was not knocked out, he suffered a cut in the head and had a large bruise in the right part of his face.

And contrary to his tough image, he made sure the public learned about what had happened: he brought Subli to the police station.

"*Ipapa*-blotter *ko ito* (I'll have this recorded in the police blotter)," Navarrete reportedly told Subli.

Subli, who her early 30s, weighs kilograms and stands

NAVARRETE

5'3"; Navarrete, 49, weighed 59 kilograms when he was still in top boxing form.

Quick temper, fist

Navarrete is notorious for his short fuse and quick fists.

He was known to turn his live-in partners into virtual punching bags when he got drunk. Navarrete's partners, including his wife, would just pack up their things and leave him.

In January 2002, Navarrete was hacked by a neighbor he had mauled. Without any provocation, Navarrete reportedly punched the neighbor when they chanced upon each other at a sari-sari store.

In 1984, Navarrete was found guilty of raping a Korean bar hostess. He was pardoned four years later.

Boxer-vampire?

Last Thursday, the boxer who brought down the likes of Choi Chung-il of Korea got his comeuppance when Subli fought back.

It all started with an altercation between Navarrete and Subli, his lover of more than two months.

During the course of their squabble, Subli reportedly grabbed Navarrete's genitals.

This enraged Navarrete, prompting him to punch Subli thrice in the stomach and bite her twice in the neck.

But Subli was not one to take things sitting down and fought back.

Controlled punches

At a nearby police station, Navarrete admitted having punched Subli thrice in the stomach.

However, he said, the punches were controlled so as not to cause her harm.

All's well that ends well—for the lovers, that is.

They made up shortly after the incident, and were seen hugging and kissing each other.

Subli even accompanied Navarrete to a clinic across the police station for a checkup.

Navarrete said he could not afford to lose Subli.

'Covenant' may make or break . . .

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have balked at some of the covenant's provisions. As a result, administration congressmen will be racing against time over the weekend to prevent what Lakas Rep. Robert Ace Barbers of Surigao del Norte fears is a looming "clash of the titans" when Congress resumes session on Monday.

"It is the wish of everybody to settle this issue and prevent the nation from becoming more divided," Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr. (Lakas, Surigao del Sur) said.

Pichay, a member of the seven-man panel formed by Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. to negotiate with pro-impeachment congressmen, said that while there were difficulties being encountered in forging a covenant, "we are appealing to our colleagues to consider the nation's interest."

Big risk

Abad said a breakup of the alliance between Lakas and NPC was one of the possible major consequences unless a settlement was reached.

"We are headed toward that (the collapse of the Lakas-NPC coalition) unless we can come to an agreement on the covenant," Abad said. "If it must come to pass (that no agreement is reached), that will be one of the unfortunate consequences."

Abad noted that the President has "taken a big risk by sticking her neck out with this proposal."

"If she gets rebuffed not only by the NPC, but also by her coalition partners, and fails to generate support sufficient to effect the timely withdrawal of the impeachment complaint, not only her leadership, but the office of the presidency, will be severely weakened," he said.

Inevitable point

"We have reached an inevitable point in this crisis, unfortunately, where the political lines have to be clearly drawn now," Abad added.

Asked what he meant by this, Abad said that support for the covenant was equivalent to support for the President.

Abad said that since President Macapagal had put forward the proposed covenant, "all those in her coalition, especially her dominant administration (party) Lakas, can do no less than stand unequivocally and firmly behind her on this."

Ms Macapagal yesterday called on the people to support the "introspection and consensus-building" processes going on in the Supreme Court and the House of Representatives, saying the strength of the republic depends on the strength of its three pillars—the executive, legislature and the judiciary.

She also appealed to media not to be used as pawns by vested interests behind the impeachment controversy.

"We cannot shut out the issues that are causing anxiety or even undue alarm, but we can focus our will as a people on unity rather than division, on resilience rather than defeat, on the triumph of peaceful freedom over irrational strife," she said.

No deals

Khan said the covenant is among the issues that the tribunal would consider in deciding whether to rule on the legal challenge to Davide's impeachment.

He noted that the draft covenant was "devoid of any possible perception that he is cutting deals which he is not prepared to do in any time."

The covenant, which defines itself as the "just and proper solution" to the crisis, would compel the House to withdraw the impeachment complaint against Davide and to settle for a continuing investigation of the Judiciary Development Fund by its committee on justice.

Unswerving neutrality

The agreement recognizes, "with unswerving neutrality," the independence of the legislative and judicial branches "in the exercise of their respective powers and prerogatives."

Khan said Davide would provide copies of the covenant to the 14 other SC justices to elicit their opinions on the matter.

Senate President Franklin Drilon has asked the Court to rule on the matter on or before Monday, because Davide's critics in the House have vowed to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate on that day.

But Khan said that the Court is not constrained to issue its ruling on Monday. Senior Associate Justice Josue Bellosillo, who presided over the oral arguments, said earlier that the court would "try its best" to come out with a decision on or before Monday.

Vital inputs but ...

Khan also said that the court would not necessarily follow the opinion of the eight amici curiae (friends of the court), that the SC invited to attend during the oral arguments.

While the opinions of these experts were "very vital inputs" to the case, the justices would not necessarily follow their lead, he said.

"The Supreme Court will arrive at its judgement independently. The justices are also legal luminaries," Khan said.

Three scenarios

Barbers, also a member of the seven-man panel, outlined "problematic scenarios" for Nov. 10 unless the parties agreed to the covenant.

First, the high tribunal might issue a decision on Monday declaring the Davide impeachment unconstitutional. "The question then is that will the House defy such a ruling," Barbers said.

Second, will there be a quorum of at least 114 congressmen and at least 76 signatories to the complaint?

Third, will the Senate accept the Articles of Impeachment?

"These are the scenarios we're looking at and we're racing against time," Barbers said.

Barbers acknowledged that there are also problematic provisions in the covenant proposed by Malacañang.

Barbers pointed out that the NPC "found it too harsh a provision there stating that the impeachment of Davide is causing crisis in the country."

Deferment as option

"We're also trying to insert the word 'deferment' as an option," Barbers said, noting that the covenant called for a withdrawal of the complaint, a condition not acceptable to the NPC.

Barbers said that the panel is trying to reword the provision to include "withdrawal or deferment" of the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment as an option.

Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez (Lakas, Iloilo City) said the House leadership "favors the forging of the covenant over the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment."

Lost to Lakas

Also a panel member, Gonzalez lamented that some Lakas congressmen are themselves resisting efforts to settle the Davide impeachment crisis.

Gonzalez noted in particular Rep. Jacinto Paras (Negros Oriental), who has identified himself with the NPC and its founding chair, businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr.

"We've given up on Paras," Gonzalez said. "He's already lost."

In Malacañang, presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said it was now up to Congress to consider an "honorable solution" to the controversy.

"The ball is now in the court of Congress because the President has already proposed a draft tripartite agreement and this has been shown to the House, especially to those who signed the impeachment complaint," Bunye said. *With a report from Juliet L. Javellana*

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She said FPJ has been meeting with people in Metro Manila, but denied that the actor was touring the provinces.

"He is meeting mostly ordinary people here in Metro Manila. He is trying to hear their concerns, but he has been doing that ever since, long before this," she said.

Roces also noted that FPJ's decision to run was not entirely his.

"He is not the only who is going to decide. Granted that he decides to enter politics, it would have to be discussed by the coalition to find out who would be the standard-bearer. That decision is not his," she said. *With a report from Luige del Puerto*

US firm to set up 1st solar cell plant in RP

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owned local subsidiary Sunpower Corp. will begin setting up the plant next month for the production of solar cells from wafers that are to be fabricated in the Philippines, said Theresa Go, director of the subsidiary's local operations.

"This will be the first time for large-scale production of photovoltaic cells to be carried out in Southeast Asia," she said.

Photo-voltaic cells are the key components of solar energy systems, converting sunlight into electricity.

They are vital in providing power in remote areas isolated from larger power grids as well as in reducing dependence on nonrenewable energy sources like oil, officials said.

Go said most of the company's output would be exported with about 20 percent sold locally, adding that their photo-voltaic cells were among the most efficient in the world.

Such cells could play a crucial role in the government's effort to provide electricity to remote rural areas and small islands, she said.

Go said Sunpower decided to begin wafer fabrication in this country after the government and local utilities gave an assurance of a steady, stable supply of electricity and water, key ingredients for production of silicon wafers.

Numerous assemblers of semiconductors and other electronic products have located in the Philippines in recent years, becoming the country's largest source of exports.

The government has long been trying to convince the private sector to set up wafer fabrication facilities in the country so that more of the core materials for semiconductors would be produced locally.

However, electronics firms have complained that the country's infrastructure is not yet up to standard for wafer fabrication, which requires a very precise, steady supply of electricity and a guaranteed supply of water.

Go conceded that making wafers for photo-voltaic cells was easier than making wafers for semiconductors.

She expressed hope, however, that Sunpower's venture would show other electronic firms that the Philippines is improving its infrastructure to allow companies to engage in more sophisticated operations.

Aside from semiconductor manufacturing in the Philippines, California-based Cypress's has facilities in Indonesia and Taiwan.

Go said Cypress chose the Philippines for this project because it had built up its Asian manufacturing base in the country over the last seven years. *AFP*

'Bad Boy of Dadiangas' finally meets his match

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Former World Boxing Council junior lightweight champion Rolando Navarrete got a dose of his own medicine when his live-in partner put up a fight after the boxer punched her in the stomach the other day over a misunderstanding.

Elizabeth Subli proved to be a tough fighter when she bit Navarrete's arm several times and hit him in the face and head with a piece of wood.

While the boxer was not knocked out, he suffered a cut in the head and had a large bruise in the right part of his face.

And contrary to his tough image, he made sure the public learned about what had happened: he brought Subli to the police station.

"*Ipapa*-blotter *ko ito* (I'll have this recorded in the police blotter)," Navarrete reportedly told Subli.

Subli, who [illegible]er early 30s, weighs [illegible] kilograms and stands 5'3"; Navarrete, 49, weighed 59 kilograms when he was still in top boxing form.

NAVARRETE

Quick temper, fist

Navarrete is notorious for his short fuse and quick fists.

He was known to turn his live-in partners into virtual punching bags when he got drunk. Navarrete's partners, including his wife, would just pack up their things and leave him.

In January 2002, Navarrete was hacked by a neighbor he had mauled. Without any provocation, Navarrete reportedly punched the neighbor when they chanced upon each other at a sari-sari store.

In 1984, Navarrete was found guilty of raping a Korean bar hostess. He was pardoned four years later.

Boxer-vampire?

Last Thursday, the boxer who brought down the likes of Choi Chung-il of Korea got his comeuppance when Subli fought back.

It all started with an altercation between Navarrete and Subli, his lover of more than two months.

During the course of their squabble, Subli reportedly grabbed Navarrete's genitals.

This enraged Navarrete, prompting him to punch Subli thrice in the stomach and bite her twice in the neck.

But Subli was not one to take things sitting down and fought back.

Controlled punches

At a nearby police station, Navarrete admitted having punched Subli thrice in the stomach.

However, he said, the punches were controlled so as not to cause her harm.

All's well that ends well—for the lovers, that is.

They made up shortly after the incident, and were seen hugging and kissing each other.

Subli even accompanied Navarrete to a clinic across the police station for a checkup.

Navarrete said he could not afford to lose Subli.

'Covenant' may make or break . . .

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have balked at some of the covenant's provisions. As a result, administration congressmen will be racing against time over the weekend to prevent what Lakas Rep. Robert Ace Barbers of Surigao del Norte fears is a looming "clash of the titans" when Congress resumes session on Monday.

"It is the wish of everybody to settle this issue and prevent the nation from becoming more divided," Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr. (Lakas, Surigao del Sur) said.

Pichay, a member of the seven-man panel formed by Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. to negotiate with pro-impeachment congressmen, said that while there were difficulties being encountered in forging a covenant, "we are appealing to our colleagues to consider the nation's interest."

Big risk

Abad said a breakup of the alliance between Lakas and NPC was one of the possible major consequences unless a settlement was reached.

"We are headed toward that (the collapse of the Lakas-NPC coalition) unless we can come to an agreement on the covenant," Abad said. "If it must come to pass (that no agreement is reached), that will be one of the unfortunate consequences."

Abad noted that the President has "taken a big risk by sticking her neck out with this proposal."

"If she gets rebuffed not only by the NPC, but also by her coalition partners, and fails to generate support sufficient to effect the timely withdrawal of the impeachment complaint, not only her leadership, but the office of the presidency, will be severely weakened," he said.

Inevitable point

"We have reached an inevitable point in this crisis, unfortunately, where the political lines have to be clearly drawn now," Abad added.

Asked what he meant by this, Abad said that support for the covenant was equivalent to support for the President.

Abad said that since President Macapagal had put forward the proposed covenant, "all those in her coalition, especially her dominant administration (party) Lakas, can do no less than stand unequivocally and firmly behind her on this."

Ms Macapagal yesterday called on the people to support the "introspection and consensus-building" processes going on in the Supreme Court and the House of Representatives, saying the strength of the republic depends on the strength of its three pillars—the executive, legislature and the judiciary.

She also appealed to media not to be used as pawns by vested interests behind the impeachment controversy.

"We cannot shut out the issues that are causing anxiety or even undue alarm, but we can focus our will as a people on unity rather than division, on resilience rather than defeat, on the triumph of peaceful freedom over irrational strife," she said.

No deals

Khan said the covenant is among the issues that the tribunal would consider in deciding whether to rule on the legal challenge to Davide's impeachment.

He noted that the draft covenant was "devoid of any possible perception that he is cutting deals which he is not prepared to do in any time."

The covenant, which defines itself as the "just and proper solution" to the crisis, would compel the House to withdraw the impeachment complaint against Davide and to settle for a continuing investigation of the Judiciary Development Fund by its committee on justice.

Unswerving neutrality

The agreement recognizes, "with unswerving neutrality," the independence of the legislative and judicial branches "in the exercise of their respective powers and prerogatives."

Khan said Davide would provide copies of the covenant to the 14 other SC justices to elicit their opinions on the matter.

Senate President Franklin Drilon has asked the Court to rule on the matter on or before Monday, because Davide's critics in the House have vowed to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate on that day.

But Khan said that the Court is not constrained to issue its ruling on Monday. Senior Associate Justice Josue Bellosillo, who presided over the oral arguments, said earlier that the court would "try its best" to come out with a decision on or before Monday.

Vital inputs but ...

Khan also said that the court would not necessarily follow the opinion of the eight amici curiae (friends of the court), that the SC invited to attend during the oral arguments.

While the opinions of these experts were "very vital inputs" to the case, the justices would not necessarily follow their lead, he said.

"The Supreme Court will arrive at its judgement independently. The justices are also legal luminaries," Khan said.

Three scenarios

Barbers, also a member of the seven-man panel, outlined "problematic scenarios" for Nov. 10 unless the parties agreed to the covenant.

First, the high tribunal might issue a decision on Monday declaring the Davide impeachment unconstitutional. "The question then is that will the House defy such a ruling," Barbers said.

Second, will there be a quorum of at least 114 congressmen and at least 76 signatories to the complaint?

Third, will the Senate accept the Articles of Impeachment?

"These are the scenarios we're looking at and we're racing against time," Barbers said.

Barbers acknowledged that there are also problematic provisions in the covenant proposed by Malacañang.

Barbers pointed out that the NPC "found it too harsh a provision there stating that the impeachment of Davide is causing crisis in the country."

Deferment as option

"We're also trying to insert the word 'deferment' as an option," Barbers said, noting that the covenant called for a withdrawal of the complaint, a condition not acceptable to the NPC.

Barbers said that the panel is trying to reword the provision to include "withdrawal or deferment" of the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment as an option.

Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez (Lakas, Iloilo City) said the House leadership "favors the forging of the covenant over the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment."

Lost to Lakas

Also a panel member, Gonzalez lamented that some Lakas congressmen are themselves resisting efforts to settle the Davide impeachment crisis.

Gonzalez noted in particular Rep. Jacinto Paras (Negros Oriental), who has identified himself with the NPC and its founding chair, businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr.

"We've given up on Paras," Gonzalez said. "He's already lost."

In Malacañang, presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said it was now up to Congress to consider an "honorable solution" to the controversy.

"The ball is now in the court of Congress because the President has already proposed a draft tripartite agreement and this has been shown to the House, especially to those who signed the impeachment complaint," Bunye said. *With a report from Juliet L. Javellana*

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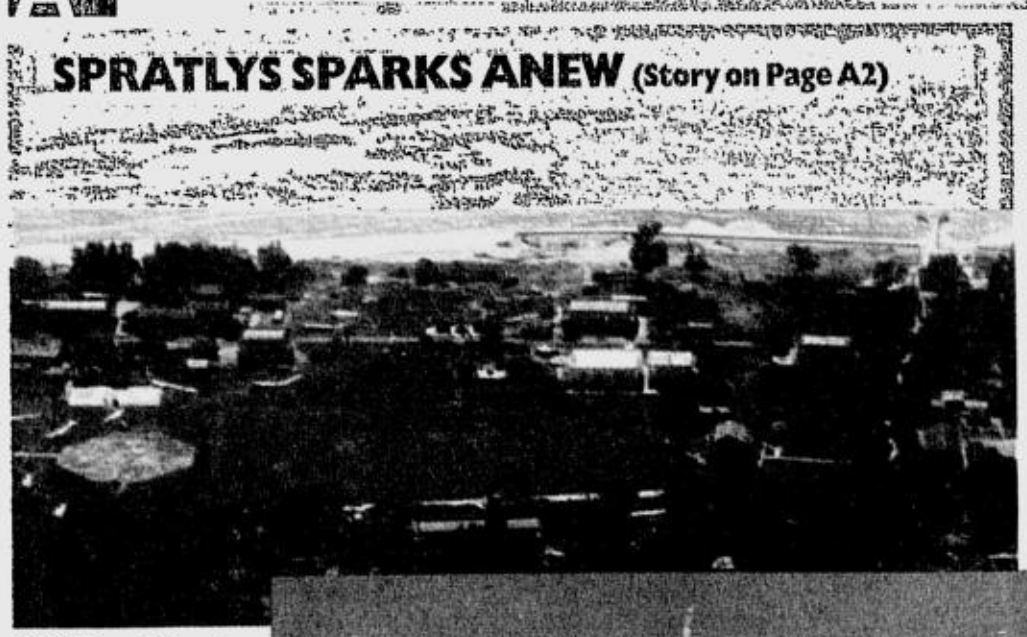
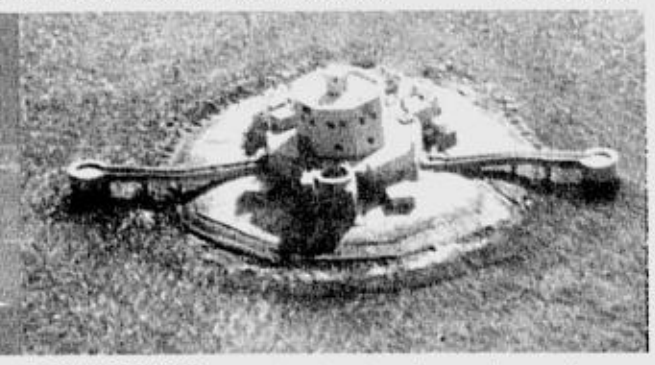


AFP CHIEF GEN.NARCISO ABAYA scans the horizon aboard a C-130 during an aerial inspection of the Spratlys. Abaya announced the incursions of Chinese research vessels and warships in the Spratlys and markers on uninhabited reefs. Patag Island (above), one of the Spratly islands occupied by the Philippines. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

CLOSE up of Pugad Island, the fully developed Vietnamese community complete with helipad and a football field. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

THE VIETNAM-CONTROLLED Pugad Island, (above and top) spotted during the aerial inspection. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO



A VIETNAMESE concrete structure is one of several markers seen from the air. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

'We have the numbers, we will force the issue'

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ero (Sorsogon) took note of talk that there might be an attempt to forestall the transmittal by having Lakas congressmen stage a no-show.

Without saying that there was indeed such an effort, Escudero said: "They're only delaying the [transmittal] procedure. The agreement during the [Oct. 30] all-parties caucus to transmit stands."

Founded by businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, the NPC is Lakas' biggest alliance partner. Its support is regarded as crucial for the victory of President Macapagal-Arroyo in the 2004 elections.

Full mobilization

Angping said the estimate of at least 120 congressmen answering the roll call on Monday was made Thursday evening at a meeting of pro-impeachment lawmakers at the Quezon City residence of former Speaker Arnulfo Fuentebella.

The former speaker is the father of Rep. Felix William Fuentebella (NPC, Camarines Sur), one of two principal proponents of the impeachment complaint.

Per the estimate, the NPC will have a full mobilization of 65; Lakas, 30; and other parties and party-list groups, 25.

"With 120 warm bodies present on the floor, we should be able to muster a quorum. We will meet the 50 [percent]-plus-one principle," Angping said.

He said the Lakas lawmakers, including those who did not sign the complaint, had pledged to be present "in the belief that the issue goes beyond partisan politics."

"They believe this is no longer the fight of pro-impeachment congressmen or of the NPC, but the fight of the House of Representatives," he said.

Patriotic duty

Lakas stalwarts are denying that the ruling party is bent on preventing a quorum.

Rep. Robert Ace Barbers (Surigao del Norte) said Lakas leaders, particularly Speaker Jose de Venecia, were in fact "appealing to all congressmen to show up on Monday."

"The appeal is for all congressmen to perform their patriotic duty by helping resolve this impeachment issue," Barbers said.

Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez (Iloilo City) said: "There are no marching orders from Lakas to stop the convening of a quorum."

He conceded that based on the current sentiment of his colleagues, the complaint would be transmitted "if there is a quorum."

'Leave us alone'

Rep. Augusto Syjuco (Iloilo), a Lakas member who signed the complaint, called on party leaders to "just leave us alone and respect our stand."

"It will be hard for a signatory like me to somersault on an issue that I believe to be just—a stand I arrived at after a careful study of the facts and long discernment," he said.

According to Syjuco, "the sky will not collapse when the Senate convenes itself as an impeachment tribunal."

"Life will go on, and in fact, our democracy will be strengthened by practicing a procedure that the Constitution follows," he said.

Two conditions must be met on Monday to ensure the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment: a quorum of 114 congressmen, and the minimum required signatures of 76 on the complaint.

No crisis

Sen. Joker Arroyo, a member of the administration coalition, said the country would not be plunged into a constitutional crisis even if the House were to transmit the Articles to the Senate ahead of the Supreme Court ruling on the impeachment complaint.

"It's unfortunate that we were made to believe that there will be a constitutional crisis. I don't think so. Whatever they do, and even if they do, it will be the Senate that will be the deciding factor," Arroyo said at a press conference.

He maintained that the constitutionality of the second impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice was not "a matter of life and death for us."

Don't rush

"The country will not go under just because the [tribunal] has not resolved the case. Nothing can be gained by rushing things," he said.

Once the Articles are transmitted by the House, it is the Senate that will decide whether it will constitute itself into an impeachment court, or wait for the Supreme Court to decide the questions before it, according to Arroyo.

He said Senate President Franklin Drilon would toss the matter for decision to the chamber in plenary.

"We will have to discuss that thoroughly, so I don't think anything will be resolved by Monday. I'm sure there will be a big debate over that [in the House]. We should not worry about any crisis," he said, adding:

"The decision will rest upon the Senate as a body."

Arroyo reminded the protagonists as well as the public not to lose sight of historic events in the country's young but fragile democracy.

"I have seen worse cases during the martial law years," he said. "We better have a peaceful weekend and rest well. That's a lot of talk. It makes some people important."

No action

Arroyo assured supporters of Davide that the Senate would receive the Articles, but not act on them.

But opposition senators said the Senate had no choice but to try Davide once the Articles are forwarded to the chamber.

"We are duty-bound to hear the impeachment case," said Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III. "The highest interest of the country would be best served if the rules of impeachment are simply followed by the concerned institutions."

Sotto said his colleagues in the opposition, Senators Edgardo Angara and Aquilino Pimentel Jr., also believed that the impeachment process must be followed in the Senate, contrary to Drilon's pronouncement that the chamber should abide by the tribunal's ruling on constitutionality.

Arroyo said that should the majority of Lakas members in the House choose not to take part in the impeachment process, "the 50 NPC impeachers, even with the support of the 11 members of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, cannot muster the magic 76 votes."

Swing vote

He pointed out that the much bigger Lakas, and not the NPC, had the swing vote, and noted that Lakas delivered only 18 signatures to the impeachment complaint. "These are cold figures," he said. "The numbers are very clear. I'm not privy to it, but I've heard that there were overtures to make some signatories withdraw, and some have already withdrawn."

"In short," Arroyo added, "only 40 percent of the House membership have so far participated in the impeachment process. Sixty percent have stayed away or are indifferent."

Cross party lines

In the Senate, Arroyo said the chamber's configuration was 11-10-1, with the administration coalition holding the lead by a mere one vote.

He said that because Majority Leader Loren Legarda "says that presently she is neither with the majority nor the minority," she was considered independent.

Legarda, however, said she was sticking with the administration coalition although she had resigned from Lakas.

"It is possible that the members will cross party lines on this issue," said Arroyo.

Rep. Rozzano Rufino Biazon (LDP, Muntinlupa) warned his colleagues against preventing a quorum on Monday just to avert the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment.

Abandonment

Biazon, who earlier withdrew his signature from the complaint, said those wanting to be absent on Monday might as well go on indefinite leave.

"These honorable members will be guilty of abandoning their constitutional duty to represent the people in the House, especially at a crucial time like this," he said. Whether they are for or against the impeachment of the Chief Justice, their obligation is to be present during session and perform their jobs as legislators."

Mere attendance

Biazon expressed concern that preventing a quorum would set a precedent where all other issues facing the House would be decided by mere attendance rather than intelligent debate.

He said it would boost the prevailing impression that the House was an institution reserved for incompetents.

"No wonder people always look back to the days when eloquence and the gift of gab were commonplace in the legislature," Biazon said, adding:

"Some will say that this is a matter of parliamentary maneuvering, similar to their defense of the abrupt adjournment of session on Oct. 28. But to me, it's simply intellectual cowardice." *With a report from Cynthia D. Balana*

Brat Pack prepared to accept verdict

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preventing a quorum, Duavit said he and his colleagues could still transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate on a later date.

"We feel we followed the rules and regulations necessary for filing the impeachment, including getting the required number of congressmen [76] to sign and endorse our complaint. So now, there is no stopping it. If we only follow the process, it will die quietly," Duavit said.

"I'd like to think there is hope. What we are doing is for the truth," Custodio said.

'Only remedy'

Duavit, Custodio, Camarines Sur Rep. Felix William "Wimpy" Fuentebella and Catanduanes Rep. Joseph Santiago stopped short of saying they would defy the Supreme Court even if it pronounces "unconstitutional" the second impeachment complaint against Davide.

In reaction to the oral arguments being heard by the high court on the issue of constitutionality, Custodio said the House had made it clear that the tribunal had no jurisdiction over the impeachment.

Duavit said he and his colleagues "strongly believe that what we are doing is finding the truth."

"The impeachment complaint is the only remedy," he said.

Added Santiago: "The message we are trying to convey is that we must not cover our eyes to wrongdoing. It is our duty to stand up. We want to maintain the clean image of at least one branch of government. And impeachment is the only way to check abuses of the Supreme Court, as provided in the Constitution."

Calm and cordial

The four were calm, cordial and liberal with the respectful "po" and "opo" during the lengthy dialogue with the INQUIRER editors, staff and columnist Belinda Olivares-Cunanan, even when the discussion became heated and everyone was talking all at once.

Santiago and Duavit were both dressed in polo barong, black slacks and leather shoes. Fuentebella, 28, was a contrast in light green shirt, cargo pants and basketball shoes. Custodio wore jeans and a lavender blouse, and looked anything but a mother of two.

Almost from the get-go, the four were peppered with questions, at times simultaneously.

They admitted that since the controversy over the impeachment started, they had been making the rounds in the media to explain why they initiated the complaint.

"I've been having two hours of sleep and haven't had any time for my kids," Duavit said.

At one point, INQUIRER editor in chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc had to fetch aspirin from her office for Duavit and Fuentebella, who were both running a slight fever.

Distress

A bit of a flap arose when, upon being shown the Page 1 proof of the paper's Friday issue, Duavit denied having made a quote attributed to him in the banner story.

The quote said he was hoping the other lawmakers would not "launch an Operation Iskul Bukol" in order to prevent a quorum on Monday. A quick check revealed that the statement attributed to him was released by his office without his knowledge.

"I feel distressed because we are dying to work with the majority to resolve this," Duavit said. "This [statement] is going to polarize the [House] beyond repair and bring us farther from a solution to this crisis."

The offending quote was struck from the paper's final edition for Friday.

In the streets

The four said they did not expect the harsh public reaction to the impeachment complaint they filed against the Chief Justice.

"We did not anticipate the public's reaction and the rallies," Fuentebella said. "We felt it would not reach the extent where people would bring the issue to the streets. We have documents that prove something irregular was going on, and we know people hold the Chief Justice in high regard."

"The truth is, we also hold him in high regard," the lawmaker said. "And so we reacted with indignation [when we saw the documents] because the man should have the highest standards. But we can't settle this in the streets. The best way is through the proper forum."

And this forum is the impeachment court, he added.

Custodio said they thought they would just follow the process, and the issue would be settled without much fanfare.

Not foresee reaction

"We did not foresee the reaction to all of this," she said. "We thought it was a legal matter. If we lose, I will apologize for whatever inconvenience we caused. But when I signed it, [it was because] I saw there was something wrong."

Fuentebella said they were confident of getting the required number of signatures to the impeachment complaint because "the documents will speak for itself."

Technical malversation

Fuentebella narrated how court employees in his area had approached him complaining about their cost-of-living allowances (Cola).

This led him to an investigation of the Judiciary Development Fund, which is collected from court fees nationwide, and to subsequent hearings by the House committee on justice, he said.

"We saw something wrong with how the JDF was being spent," he said.

The Chief Justice is accused of illegal disbursements of the JDF worth around P3.9 billion for the years 2000 to 2003.

Particularly, the four lawmakers said, the Supreme Court allotted huge amounts of money from the JDF for cars for the justices, expensive curtains and chairs for the session hall and renovation of summer cottages in Baguio.

Technical malversion

Fuentebella said this would amount to technical malversation leading to graft and corruption—an impeachable offense, he said.

"We saw a problem with how the 20 percent [of the JDF] was being spent. From our estimates, the collection for the Supreme Court should not have gone beyond P20 million. But they spent more," he said.

Fuentebella said they wanted the Cola distributed "site-specific," meaning 80 percent of the court fees collected in one area should go to the court employees in that area only.

Under PD 1949 creating the JDF, 80 percent of the fund should be spent for the court employees' Cola, and the balance, for court facilities.

Judgment call

In response to a question as to why they did not bother to inform other House members and the public of the impeachment complaint against Davide, Duavit said none of them chose to deliver a privilege speech "as the price of not grandstanding."

"It was a judgement call," said Custodio. "But the hearings of the House committee on justice are open to the public."

The four, all members of Nationalist People's Coalition, also denied speculation that it was actually NPC chair Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco who was behind the impeachment of the Chief Justice.

"That is just a perception and I don't agree with it," Custodio said.

Backlash

Duavit lamented the backlash on the NPC, and said the party had nothing to gain from impeaching Davide.

"That perception can't disappear, and it is very hard to take it out," he said. "On hindsight, if Danding wanted to control the Supreme Court, he would have asked us to sign the first impeachment complaint against [Davide and other justices]."

Duavit also pointed out that not all NPC members in the House signed the second impeachment complaint.

Pork barrel

All four also took up the challenge to open the books of their Countrywide Development Fund, otherwise known as pork barrel.

On the media, Fuentebella said: "We understand the media and we don't fault them. But in general, they have been fair to us. When they were not, we think because they don't have enough material."

As for his planned run for governor, he said his campaign had been put on hold ("bitin po") because of the controversy.

Asked how they had been handling the public outcry against them for initiating the impeachment complaint, Fuentebella said: "It depends on how you carry yourself. There is a way to defend your position without attacking anyone personally. We take the public's reaction to heart. But we don't mind being called bratty."

Worker ants

Already, the controversy is bearing down on them.

"If the House were a colony of ants, we would be the workers, not even the soldiers," Duavit said.

Santiago said that as in the past, they were going about their work quietly. "*Bata pa kami* (We're still young)," he noted.

Asked if they would go to Malacañang if President Macapagal-Arroyo invites them, they said they would go "out of courtesy." But they said they would not withdraw their signatures on the complaint.

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NSO: 3 out of 10 kids have no birth certificates

By Marlet Salazar

THREE out of ten Filipino children under the age of five do not have birth certificates, according to the unofficial Census 2000 report of the National Statistics Office.

The NSO's Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey of 1999 showed that of the more than 75 million Filipinos living in the country, 5 million, or 7 percent, are still not registered with the Local Civil Registrar.

Alarmed by this development, the NSO Office of the Civil Registrar, with the assistance of Plan Philippines, a child-centered non-government organization, began conducting birth registrations all over the country through the Unregistered Children Project (UCP) in 2000.

"We prioritize the need to come up with a system of registration for the Muslims, indigenous people and children in need of special protection," said Civil Registrar General Carmelita Ericta said during a forum held recently at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City.

The report mentioned several barriers to birth registration. Among them are: lack of awareness on the importance of birth registration, social and cultural barriers, legal and policy issues, economic barriers, and geographic or physical barriers.

Ericta said there are also a number of adults who do not have birth certificates and are not registered with the NSO.

Non-registration of birth is evident among Muslims, indigenous peoples, and street children in the urban areas, Ericta said.

The UCP has identified 32 municipalities in the Cordillera region and Mindanao where low birth registrations have been reported.

The NSO and Plan Philippines also plan to take on cases of individuals who can not locate their birth certificates, or who do not know if they are registered.

A registered birth certificate is a person's ticket to various benefits a rightful citizen is entitled to, according to Ericta.

The civil registrar said that the registration of a child signifies the State's first official acknowledgment of the child's existence.

It is short of saying that a person who does not hold a birth certificate does not officially exist, Ericta added.

The project is implemented through information dissemination and educational campaigns. Ericta said that they are now focusing on capacity building for the local civil registrars and birth registration agents.

The local officials are now undergoing training and mobilization so as to minimize such problems in the future, Ericta added.

The NSO has come up with a standard manual for birth registration agents. Around 4,000 agents and assistants are being trained.

"We are confident that the initial objective (of 100 percent registration) will be met this year," according to M. Supriyanto, Plan Philippines country manager.

According to Article 8 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child ratified in July 1990, "Whereas, a child is illegally deprived of some or all of the elements of his or her identity, State parties shall provide appropriate assistance and protection, with a view to speedily re-establishing his or her identity."

NBI breaks up 'family' of scam artists

By Leila Salaverria

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation is on the trail of a syndicate helping Filipinos obtain US visas by making them pretend to be members of one family.

This came about after five persons—who passed themselves off as members of one family—were arrested by NBI agents last week.

The NBI said Edgardo A. Iglesia, a "visa actor" who had successfully helped 16 persons obtain US visas in four separate incidents, has been charged with violation of the passport law.

The term "visa actor" has been coined by United States embassy, according to an NBI official.

The NBI also arrested Mabel Gongora, who had pretended to be Iglesia's wife, and Jennifer Lazaro, Glen Pineda and Mary Ann Reyes, who had tried to pass themselves off as their children.

Sources at the NBI yesterday said that Iglesia is part of a larger syndicate which the bureau is now tracking down.

Records showed that Iglesia, who claims to be a lawyer, would help a person obtain a US passport under an assumed name and then use the spurious passport to get a visa, in exchange for P150,000.

Once Iglesia and his "family" have obtained their visas, the family members would leave for abroad while Iglesia would sell his visa.

The scam worked, since Iglesia had been been able to successfully pull it off four out of five times. Iglesia was arrested on his sixth try, an NBI official said.

Even inmates have right to vote

By Tina Santos

MORE than a hundred inmates of the Quezon City Jail yesterday afternoon were taken out of their cells to beat the Nov. 9 deadline for the registration of voters.

In handcuffs and under heavy guard, the prisoners made a beeline for the computers set up by the Commission on Elections inside the Rotary Lion's Club Office in Bernardo Park, a short distance away from the QC Jail.

Supt. Gilbert Marpuri, jail warden, said 352 inmates were supposed to line up as new registrants. The inmates were given three days, or until Sunday, to register.

According to Insp. Roniel Popera, the 352 inmates were the only ones allowed by the Quezon City regional and metropolitan trial courts to register since they are still undergoing trial.

At present, the city jail has a total prison population of 3,040.

Another jail official said that the move was in response to the petition of Fr. Anthony Ranada, president of PRESO Foundation, who had asked the Quezon City courts to allow the prisoners to register and vote.

Popera, who claimed the activity was not practiced in previous years, said he sees no reason why inmates should be denied the right to vote. He said that the law clearly allows inmates to register and vote.

UNDER heavy guard, Quezon City jail inmates get a chance to exercise their right of suffrage. JOAN BONDOC

METROBRIEFS

Rookie cop rapped

PO1 DONATO Ramos Salazar has some explaining to do after two businessmen complained in Manila that he ordered them to strip in public at gunpoint. SPO1 Delfin Silva Jr. said Florante Muli, 32, of Tapuri Street in Tondo, and Mario Besuio, 21, of Franco Street also in Tondo, were walking along Trinidad Rizal Street at 10:50 p.m. Wednesday night when they were accosted by Salazar, who was reportedly drunk. Salazar accused Muli and Besuio of carrying drugs and ordered them to take off their shirt and shorts during a search. The new cop then let the two go. *Leila Salaverria*

Murder suspects

THE MALABON City police have arrested Rueto Macabilin, 40; Pascualito Alcagno, 33; and Carlito Amado, 43, all residents of the city, for the killing of PO2 Amando Villanueva, 33, of the local Police Drug Enforcement Unit, on Tuesday. Investigators said the trio stabbed Villanueva to death because the lawman earlier shot to death a cousin of Amado. *Edson Tandoc Jr.*

Stuffed cabbie

THIRTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD cabbie Renato Amploquio, of Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City, found himself in a tight spot Thursday night after four robbers took his earnings then threw him in the luggage compartment of his taxi. The driver picked up four men along the Diosdado Macapagal Avenue in Pasay City at 9:20 p.m. These then pulled out guns and announced a holdup. After stuffing him in the trunk of the white Nissan cab (TVN 590), the suspects drove around in Manila, where Amploquio managed to escape and seek police help. *Leila Salaverria*

Lawman fires gun

PO1 DENNIS San Miguel tried to stop a fight between two men by firing a warning shot but instead hit one of the brawlers. The lawman is now facing frustrated murder charges filed by Lucio Adelrico of Catleya Compound, Mindanao Avenue, Barangay Bahay Toro, Quezon City. According to Alderico's complaint, he was trying to settle a row with a certain Leo on Aug. 2 when they instead ended up fighting. San Miguel arrived and tried to pacify them by firing two shots in the air. One of the shots landed on Alderico, who was treated at the St. Luke's Medical Center. *Tina Santos*

Food thief caught

REY DEL Valle, 23, and Chris San Miguel, 19, were arrested Thursday night while carting away boxes of Knorr broth cubes worth P14,400 from the St. Alfonso Liguori Parish office in Magallanes Village, Makati City. They were stopped at the parking lot of the church by security guard Claro Ricohermoso at about 7 p.m. Del Valle had worked at the church as an altar boy before he was dismissed for alleged laziness. *Christine Paita*

WPD probes link between cop killing, ambush of Manila barangay official

DID THE killers of PO1 Michael Dennis Corpuz strike again?

The Western Police District is checking out whether or not the four suspects on board a white taxi who shot barangay official Noel Capapas on Thursday night were the same men who killed Corpuz, according to Supt. Araceli Hofileña, head of WPD Station 5.

Capapas, 24, survived the attack in Malate, Manila.

Hofileña said Capapas was shot by one of four men who got off a white Toyota Corolla taxi (PWU 168) near his house on Singalong Street at 7:45 p.m. Thursday. He is now being treated at the Manila Doctor's Hospital, police said.

Like the barangay official, Corpuz, 32, a member of the Sta. Monica precinct, was shot to death by four men on board a taxi also in Malate on Sunday.

Corpuz is set to be given a hero's burial on Sunday, complete with a 21-gun salute, Hofileña said.

She added that as per the initial plans of the family, Corpuz would be laid to rest at the Manila South Cemetery in Makati City. *Leila Salaverria*

PNP approves registration of stolen cars

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

COUPLE Reynaldo and Bernadette Chong bought a second-hand 2001 model Mitsubishi Pajero on Oct. 26, 2001.

On the same day, they had the car examined by the police Traffic Management Group (TMG) to determine if it was stolen. The TMG checked the car's serial number through a scientific macro-etching method.

The TMG declared the car "clean," meaning it did not come from a dubious source.

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Last Tuesday, while Reynaldo was driving the car along P. Tuazon St., Quezon City, TMG cops flagged him down. The cops said the Pajero was "carnapped," a bastardized Pinoy word for "stolen."

At the TMG headquarters in Camp Crame, the Chongs were shown the alarm sheet for the Pajero. It was supposedly stolen from its owner on Oct. 11, 2001, or 15 days before the Chongs bought it.

But how could that be, the Chong couple protested. The car was cleared by the same office that now says it was stolen.

The Chongs came to my office at "Isumbong mo kay Tulfo" and showed me papers that the car was bought in good order, examined by the TMG, and registered with the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

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I checked the PNP crime laboratory's macro-etching certificate on the Chongs' Pajero (plate number WXV 707). The certificate says the car's engine and chassis numbers were not tampered with. The macro-etching technician was PO2 Baylon, R.C. while the macro-etching supervisor was SPO3 R.M. Dalman.

A PNP motor vehicle clearance certificate was also issued for the Pajero. The clearance officer was Supt. Erwin T. Villacorte and the processing officer was SPO4 Quiapon (first name not clear).

I called up Chief Supt. Danilo Mangila, chief of the Traffic Management Group (TMG), to ask how a car declared "clean" by TMG two years ago would now be apprehended and declared as a "carnapped vehicle."

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Mangila's reply confused rather than enlightened me.

He said that before he took over, most TMG personnel at the vehicle clearance office were so corrupt they cleared stolen vehicles brought in for registration. Some TMG personnel were in cahoots with car thieves and corrupt employees at the Land Transportation Office in approving the registration of stolen vehicles.

Under his watch, Mangila said that the TMG is now apprehending stolen vehicles cleared by the previous administrations.

Meanwhile, the Pajero in question will have to be returned to its "legal" owner, the TMG chief said.

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But who is to blame for the plight of the Chong couple and others similarly situated?

The Chongs bought the vehicle thinking that it was "clean," they even had it examined by the TMG that passed it. And now, they're practically being accused by the TMG of buying a stolen car.

The TMG should compensate the Chong couple and others who were victimized by its personnel at the clearance section.

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Declaring a stolen vehicle "clean" is not a new practice at TMG. I stumbled on the same kind of racket way back in 1988.

My exposé on the unholy alliance between some members of the then Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG)—precursor of the TMG—nearly cost me my life.

Stung by my exposé, the CHPG chief, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dizon (may his soul rest in peace!), ordered his best men to go after me.

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"I want Tulfo neutralized within 24 hours," Dizon told his men at Task Force Limbas, a special unit goes after car thieves.

Lucky for me, one of the guys to whom he issued the order was my compadre who tipped me off.

I told some friends in the House of Representatives and the Senate about the corruption at the CHPG. But they ignored me perhaps because they were too busy with their pork barrel. Or they thought it was useless investigating a corrupt agency.

I think if those senators and congressmen I approached on the same problem had listened, what happened to the Chong couple would never have taken place.

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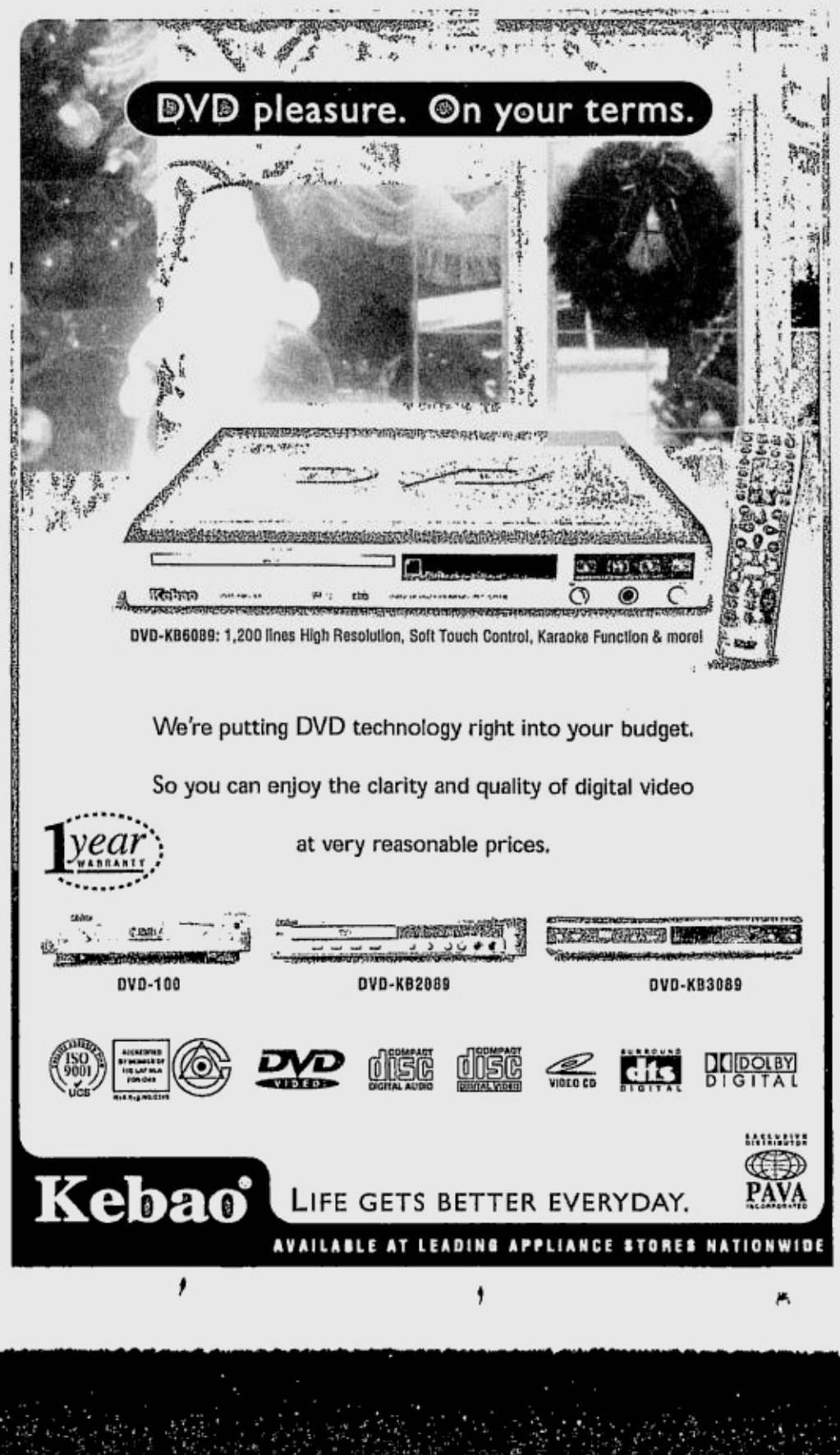
Why was Jerry Yan, star of the popular chinovela "Meteor Garden" invited to Malacañang when his visit was not of national significance?

Because of him, work at the Palace stopped for three hours as Cabinet officials and Palace employees and their children fell over one another trying to get near him.

I wonder if our mega star, Sharon Cuneta would get the same treatment from top officials in Taiwan where Yan comes from.



Seeing red all over

By Tarra Quismundo

RED WAS the color of the day at the Manila Regional Trial Court (RTC) yesterday as employees pressed on with the demand to know how the Judiciary Development Fund or JDF has been spent.

Most of the court employees of Manila's 56 RTC branches from clerks of court, stenographers, interpreters, legal researchers, sheriffs, process servers and clerks wore something red as a sign of solidarity for their cause.

"We only want transparency in the disbursement of the JDF," said Antonia Buo-Rivera, court stenographer and board member of the Alliance of Court Employees Association of the Philippines.

Many wore red and maroon shirts, others had red armbands, and a few wore it around their head.

Catherine Loja, a court interpreter who has alleged that Branch 49 Judge Concepcion Vergara slapped her and pulled her hair, said, "We are asking the Supreme Court to give the lower courts the 80 percent that is mandated by law to be appropriated for our benefits."

Loja said the lower courts gave the biggest contribution to the JDF, which totalled more than P3.4 billion from 2000 to 2002.

The JDF comes from legal fees paid to the courts and is intended "for the benefit of the members and personnel of the judiciary."

A total of 80 percent of the fund should be used for the cost of living allowances of employees and 20 percent spent on equipment and facilities.

"Look at our facilities," Loja said, "We don't even have enough staplers."

In seeking how the JDF was used, the court employees are rejecting a report of the Commission on Audit (COA) that explains how it was disbursed. They are claiming that it is "erroneous."

Instead, they are willing to have Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. subjected to an impeachment trial just for them to know how the JDF was spent.

The impeachment case against Davide is based on the same COA report, which ironically clears Davide of any irregularity.

A MAYNILAD worker drains a digging in Tondo, Manila, where contaminated water downed 500, killing 5, during a recent gastroenteritis outbreak. AFP

Worst is over in outbreak

By Tarra Quismundo

THE NUMBER of people contracting acute gastroenteritis has continually fallen, allowing Manila health officials to heave a sigh of relief.

"There is a continuous downtrend. Of course, the cases will not drastically decrease, but we hope there will be no more upsurge," said Dr. Carmencita Solis, Chief of Planning and Coordination of the Manila City Health Department (MCHD).

She added that it would be normal for a few diarrhea cases to be still reported in Tondo.

As of Nov. 6, 12 new cases were reported, bringing the total count of gastroenteritis patients to 601.

This number covers the period from Oct. 23 to Nov. 6, within which two waves of outbreak were identified: the first from Oct. 23 to Oct. 27, and the second from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

MCHD chief Dr. Florante Baltazar attributed the decline in cases to increased awareness among the residents.

"Who would still dare to drink water from their taps after the outbreak? People seem to have been discouraged from drinking water straight from their faucets, after our information campaign," said Baltazar in an interview.

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449 athletes in final SEAG list

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THEY'LL WIN more medals but probably finish fourth overall.

With this as modest target, the SEAG technical commission approved yesterday a 658-strong Philippine delegation, including 449 athletes, for the Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam this December.

It is the biggest RP contingent to the SEAG since the 1999 Brunei Games as selection officials took into account the fact that the Vietnam experience is vital for the RP athletes when the country hosts the biennial sportsfest for the third time in 2005.

The 2-1 athletes-officials ratio remained despite promises to give more priority to competitors as the contingent will have 98 coaches, 28 team managers, eight technical officials, 29 secretariat staffers, 16 medical team members and 30 game officials.

Steve Hontiveros, head of the SEAG Technical Committee that made the final screening of the delegation, predicted the country would finish fourth overall and win more medals than in Kuala Lumpur. He based the prediction on the larger number of Filipino athletes competing in more sports.

The country sent 258 athletes to Brunei and they went home with 20 golds, 26 silvers and 41 bronzes for a third-place finish.

Two years later in KL, 359 athletes represented the country and produced a gold-silver-bronze tally of 31-65-67 but ended up trailing overall champion Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The Philippine Sports Commission, which will finance the SEAG campaign at an expected P70,000 cost per delegate, has earlier expressed confidence the country would win 40-60 golds and place third overall.

There are 28 sports disciplines in the SEAG calendar with a total of 408 gold medals at stake. The country, however, won't see action in four events namely, handball, fin swimming, petanque and shuttlecock, where the Vietnamese are deemed unbeatable.

Bowling and golf, rich medal sources for RP, were scrapped this time along with sailing, lawn bowls and squash. The country captured four golds, five silvers and one bronze in bowling and one gold and two bronzes in golf two years ago.

"After so many discussions, we have decided to give the go-signal to men's volleyball after the coaches swore the new team has a better chance of winning compared to the old lineup," said POC spokesman Gus Villanueva.

He said Philippine Amateur Volleyball Association acting secretary general Gus Sta. Maria promised a medal for the men's team which he described as a "more mature" squad.

Another consideration, according to

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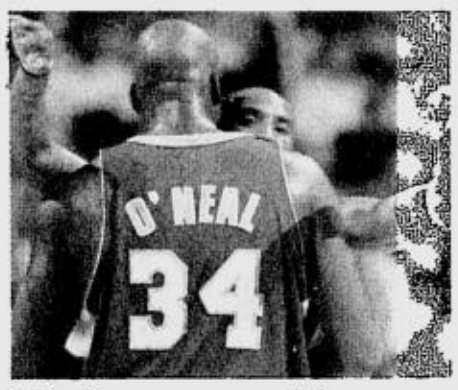

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Buhain asks good press for athletes

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain yesterday appealed to the media to concentrate on boosting the morale of the national athletes training for the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games on Dec. 5-12.

Buhain said negative publicity about alleged controversies hounding the government sports agency is affecting the well-being of the 449 athletes aiming to improve the country's dismal fifth-place finish in the 2001 Kuala Lumpur games, where the Filipinos produced 31 gold medals.

BUHAIN

"It's better that you focus on the SEA Games and the athletes," Buhain told the Inquirer. "They deserve our positive views. It's the athletes' time now."

The 33-year-old Buhain said the story about the lifestyle check conducted on him and his seven officials was just a rehash of an old Inquirer story two months ago.

He noted that elevating the lifestyle probe to the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission was a natural course because PAGC takes care of all lifestyle checks.

Buhain also denied he asked for an additional P5 million for the Palaro although the Inquirer source insisted on his claim that the official attempted to ask for "contingency fund" from Pagcor chair Ephraim Genuino.

He also refused to comment regarding rumors that a Ford Expedition was given by one of his top aides as a present to his wife early this year.

But Buhain didn't deny that he made changes in his media bureau and withdrew authority from spokesman Arsenic Lacson to deal with members of the POC-PSC Media Group.

Buhain stressed that his only concern is to steer the national team to a decent performance in the SEA Games.

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BAPI hails 'neutral' FIBA stand

THE BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines Inc. (BAPI) yesterday hailed the neutral stand taken by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) as a positive step toward the "quick and painless" resolution of the leadership controversy in the national sports association for basketball.

"We have expected the FIBA to take a hands-off policy this time because ours is a different cause altogether from the 2001 election. That election, as the courts have said, should not have taken place because it did not have the mandate of the legitimate BAPI," Nic Jorge, secretary general of the BAPI, said.

Jorge also said he welcomes the assurance given by FIBA Director for Communications Lora Foster, who said: "FIBA is of course aware of the situation in the Philippines through the media and we do not want to interfere with an internal matter that should be settled internally."

Jorge said FIBA's neutral stand should help solve the basketball issue, which, he added, should have been settled long ago had the officials concerned quickly recognized the decision of the Court of Appeals nullifying the existence of the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP).

JORGE: Positive step

The BAPI was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1994 following a government order requiring all NSAs to incorporate to avail of government funding. Former BAP president Gonzalo "Lito" Puyat, however, called an election of the BAP in 1995 and installed Godofredo Jalasco as new president.

But Jalasco was ousted in 2001 in a bitterly disputed election attended by FIBA deputy secretary general Patrick Baumann, who also represented Pete Miro, who is IOC director for International Relations.

The court, however, said the new BAP leadership has no mandate as it ordered to keep the status quo prior to the 1994 elections.

The BAP's secretary general Graham Lim and his vice president Christian Tan, however, continue to hold on to their seats despite the court order, which it declared as final and executory. No word has been heard from BAP president Tiny Literal since the court's decision was handed down.

The Philippine Sports Commission has received an official copy of the court order and is awaiting response from the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) before it acts on the BAPI request to evict the illegal BAP out of the PSC-provided office and stop further financial assistance to the BAP.

The Philippine Olympic Committee, meanwhile, said it would settle the matter after the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games set Dec. 5-13.

BIG BITE: Alaska import Isaac Fontaine sidesteps after faking a shot underneath. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Aces exploit Cooke injury, oust Hotdogs

GAMES TOMORROW *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Red Bull
6:30 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs Ginebra

By June Navarro

ALASKA went through the wringer before nosing out Purefoods, 93-88, last night in their playoff for the final quarterfinal seat in Group A of the Samsung-PBA Reinforced Conference at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Exploiting Lenny Cooke's calf injury late in the third quarter, the Aces battled back from 15 points down behind the heroics of Brandon Cablay and Mike Fontaine.

The Aces, who never failed to advance past the elims since the playoff format was institutionalized in 1999, will meet the top-seeded Sta. Lucia Realtors in a best-of-three quarterfinal showdown in Group A.

"Purefoods got the bad breaks and it gave us a lift. We just took advantage of it," said Alaska coach Tim Cone.

Cooke still paced the Hotdogs with 29 points and 10 rebounds as he went scoreless when he came back five minutes into the last quarter.

Cablay nailed two three-pointers down the stretch and Cortez added two crucial baskets as the Aces sent Cooke back to the US and slammed the quarterfinal door on the Hotdogs.

Fontaine led the Aces with 27 points and 10 rebounds. He shot seven straight points at the start of the fourth quarter as the Aces overhauled the Hotdogs' huge margin.

Coach Ryan Gregorio and the Hotdogs wrapped up their stint this year with nine wins and 27 losses, their worst in franchise history.

Meanwhile, Summit Sports World Corporation, the finance and marketing arm of the National Broadcasting Network's coverage of the PBA games, is looking at the possibility of renegotiating its three-year, P670-million contract with the league.

This surfaced yesterday after NBN-4 and Summit Sports World Corp. officials met to find a way out of the present financial difficulties of the NBN-IBC-13 consortium.

The NBN-IBC consortium, which won the right to telecast the games, is under contract to pay the PBA P200 million this year, P220 million in 2004 and P250 million in 2005.

ALASKA 93—Fontaine 27, Cablay 19, Arigo 16, Allado 9, Noble 8, Cortez 6, Feihl 4, Duat 4, Padilla 0, Tejada 0.

PUREFOODS 88—Cooke 29, Raymundo 13, Castillo 10, Santos 10, Demape 9, Evangelista 7, Patrimonio 5, Seigle 5, Mamaril 0, Yee 0, Fernandez 0.

Quarters: 26-24, 47-47, 63-74, 93-88

449 athletes ...

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Hontiveros, is the fact that the country failed to send a men's volleyball team in the past two SEA Games.

The old lineup included two 6-foot-7s and one 6-foot-5 who were reportedly cut off from the team due to attitude problems and lack of playing skills.

Joel Solis (6-5) and Angelito Pesa (6-7) were sacked "for not being keen in pursuing their playing career." Officials said Melven Lopez (6-7) was taken off the list because of he was "too raw."

They were replaced with five former national team members although only two of them stand over 6 feet—Romel Canino (6-3) and Adrian Cruz (6-2).

Meanwhile, 10 taekwondo jins, five tracksters, four cyclists, three boxers, and six other athletes compose the third batch of beneficiaries of the P24 million grant from different private corporations backing the Medalyang Ginto, May Laban Tayo! project of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

Completing the list are two gymnasts, one karateka, one archer and two pencak silat athletes.

The 28 athletes were endorsed by their respective national sports associations to the Philippine Sports Commission headed by chair Eric Buhain to avail of the funds raised by the First Gentleman's project aimed at giving Filipino athletes additional foreign exposures as part of their buildup for the coming Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam.

The country will again anchor its campaign in the Dec. 5-13 Games in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City on 17 disciplines adopted by 18 corporations led by San Miguel Corp., which started the ball rolling by pitching in P10 million during the pledging session initiated by Atty. Arroyo in Malacañang last August.

Jemah assures extensive focus on 3 sports

EVENTS closest to the hearts of Filipinos will be given extensive focus by Jemah Television in its coverage of the coming 22nd Southeast Asian Games.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit yesterday announced this as he thanked Jemah Television, a local firm that provides and distributes foreign movies and TV shows to local networks, for offering to cover the Games when NBN-4 begged off due to financial constraints.

Dayrit, who guested at the SCOOP sa Kamayan weekly session, said the broadcast firm, headed by Mark Roces, will be paying the POC P1 million for covering the Games eight hours a day for the duration of the 10-day meet scheduled Dec. 5-13 in the cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam.

Dayrit said basketball, boxing and billiards will be covered extensively along with the opening and closing rites.

But only highlights of the rest of the 28 sports where the country is entered will be shown because of lack of personnel and facilities, the POC head said during the forum sponsored by Photokina Marketing.

Jemah Television, Dayrit added, will be utilizing the crew and equipment of NBN-4, which will be the carrying station.

The P1 million broadcast right to be paid the POC is apart from the talent fees and cost of equipment Roces' outfit will be paying NBN-4 directly.

"The POC is thanking Jemah Television for coming to the rescue," said Dayrit.

Dayrit. "It is a relief for us that a private company has volunteered to cover the Games, a risk other networks did not want take for various reasons, primarily financial."

He added that Jemah Television took a lot of risk "to give our countrymen the chance to see their athletes perform."

Dayrit clarified that it is not the Vietnam SEA Games Organizing Committee that imposed a high cost for the broadcast rights, but the host country.

AREVALO'S crisp forehand just can't turn the tide against Croatia's Abramovic in their quarterfinal match. The Filipina will try to reach another semifinal today when she partners Anna Patricia Santos in the doubles against a Korean pair. EPA/STR

Croatian lass halts Arevalo, gains semis

MARIJA Abramovic of Croatia stopped Filipina wild card Czarina Mae Arevalo's amazing run yesterday to advance to the semifinals of the US$10,000 Union Cement-International Tennis Federation Women's Circuit 1 at the Ynares Socio-Cultural Sports Center in Pasig City.

Arevalo, winner of four medals in the recent Afro-Asian Games in Hyderabad, India, just couldn't put it all together in the final set in bowing to Abramovic, 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-2.

The tall Croatian forged a semifinal clash with Indon third seed and world No. 569 Liza Andriyani, who survived Austrian qualifier Birgit Ritschka, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Also advancing were seventh seed Sandy Gumulya of Indonesia, who eliminated compatriot Diana Julianto, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (3), and Korean Kom So-Jung, who beat Taiwanese qualifier Chen Yi, 6-2, 6-4.

In doubles play, Arevalo and Anna Patricia Santos rallied past Croatian second seeds Ana and Marija Abramovic, 6-7 (8), 6-1, 7-5, and wild cards Rina Cañiza and Jennifer Saret outlasted Koreans Bae Hae-Youm and Seo Soon-Mi, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4, to enter the quarterfinals of this event supported by the ITF Grand Slam Development Fund, Wilson balls, Viva Mineral Water and Holiday Inn Manila Galleria.

Arevalo and Santos will face Koreans Cho Jeong-A and Kim Ji-Young, 6-4, 6-1 winners over Korean Kim So-Jung and Japanese Misae Sakai.

Caniza and Saret will meet Julianna Gates of the US and Monika Krauze of Poland.

Free as a bird

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

KOBE Bryant is proving to be a tough nut to crack, if only to use a cliché once more. I really hate clichés. They are anti-progress, deterrents to creativity. But at times, they serve their purpose. It's difficult sometimes to find the equivalent of a cliché. Especially when you are trying to beat a deadline.

Ah, this guy Kobe Bryant.

Facing charges of rape in Eagle, Colorado, Bryant seems unaffected by the thought of getting bundled off to jail if found guilty as charged.

What a man.

Kobe Bryant missed his first NBA game of the season due to a sore knee in the Lakers' first-game win against the Mavericks but, once he was back on the floor for Los Angeles, he immediately showed his true worth to the team. He played in his usual fiery form, as if nothing's bothering him at all—mental or otherwise.

Bucking a mix of cheers and boos in Phoenix, Bryant scored 15 points in 32 minutes of action. In his next game, he scored 21 points in 35 minutes to lead Los Angeles to an 87-72 win over the Golden State Warriors.

"He looked pretty good," said Warriors guard Avery Johnson. "Obviously, the explosion is not where it's probably going to be at the end of the season, but he's making his move strong to the basket."

Bryant's first basket in Los Angeles seemed providential, too.

Receiving a pass from Shaquille O'Neal, his alleged enemy, Bryant converted on a jumper—his first attempt for the evening. The fans cheered wildly. When the referee slapped Bryant a traveling violation in the last minute of the game, the fans booed the whistle-blower.

"It doesn't help my game much, but playing at Staples Center makes me feel comfortable," said Bryant, who walked out of the arena holding hands with wife, Vanessa.

And then came his most serious test thus far.

Playing in Milwaukee for the Lakers' fourth game on Wednesday, Bryant got booed every time he touched the ball. But, amazingly, he still banged home 31 points to power Los Angeles to a 113-107 victory over the Bucks. It was the Lakers' fourth straight victory.

"I expect heckling from every arena," said Bryant. "It isn't any different than any other road trip from hereon."

Indeed, Kobe Bryant is in a situation that is not the envy of many. The rape charges filed against him by that Colorado girl working at the hotel where he was billeted in the off-season will surely dog him and test his patience. The sexual assault allegedly happened while Bryant was awaiting treatment for his knee. He has denied the accusation, saying it was consensual sex and admitting only that what he had committed was adultery. During a press conference, a teary-eyed Kobe expressed his remorse; his wife had expressed her forgiveness in the same occasion.

Very few men have the mental toughness that Kobe Bryant has been exhibiting thus far. If he weren't made of a sterner stuff, Bryant could be a laughingstock by now—unable to cope up with the rigors and stress brought on by the mental baggage he is carrying. But no. He plays as though he is as free as a bird soaring to heights anytime he wants to. The fortitude, if not the rectitude, with which he has been handling the situation is patently unbelievable.

What do we have here, a reincarnation of Braveheart? Cromwell? Gladiator? Or Diego Silang maybe, if not Dagohoy?

If he is what he seems to be the past three games—undaunted, if not unbowed—I'd say 99 percent of that mystic comes from his wife, Vanessa.

The remaining one percent is but the real Kobe Bryant.

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FASTBREAK. If you missed yesterday's National Dancesport-Alaxan FR Championship, fret not. There's still the Manila IDSF Open Pagoda Cup tomorrow (Nov. 9), also at the Philsports Arena. Becky Garcia, the country's dancesport pioneer, said the world-renowned Brasil Tropical Carnival from Brazil is set to perform in the IDSF Open. This is an event ballroom dancing aficionados must not miss.

Tough route for Tour of MM

THE ROUTE for the first ever Tour of Metro Manila the Tour Pilipinas Inc. through Air21 is presenting tomorrow (Nov. 9) is a virtual fence that circles the metropolis.

From the start of the 114-km race at the Marikina City Sports Park, the 84 grizzled riders, all veterans of last summer's Tour revival, will go up to as far north of Metro Manila in Lagro, as far west along Roxas Boulevard and as deep south as Alabang.

They will then take the eastern part of the region before heading back to the Marikina finish via Antipolo's rigorous hills.

A race of this magnitude has never been done in Metro Manila that to help ensure its smooth conduct, the Metro Manila Development Authority will be lending its hand in the event principally backed up by Air21 with FedEx and Mail and More as major supporters and BPI-MS (official insurer), Caltex (official fuel provider for the race caravan) and Lipovitan (official energy drink) as strong backers.

A total of P165,000 in prizes is at stake with the individual winner bringing home P25,000.

The 84 riders will don the colors of their old Tour Pilipinas teams—Tanduay, Intel, Samsung, PagcorSports, Bowling Gold, PLDT-NDD, Gilbey's Island Punch, DILG Patrol 117, DILG Drug Busters, DENR Ecosavers, DOTC Postmen and BIR Vat Riders.

'Liga ng Bayan' gets going with Platinum Cup

THEY'RE back.

After a long hiatus, the country's finest amateur players and up-and-coming stars take center stage once again when the Philippine Basketball League (PBL) Platinum Cup fires off today at the Pasig Sports Center.

In partnership with TV network giant ABS-CBN through Studio 23, Commissioner Chino Trinidad expects the league to remain committed to its loyal followers.

"After months of buildup, I can feel that all our players are raring to see action and showcase their talents which I hope will change their lives for the better," said Trinidad.

"Our new partnership with Studio 23 is a great opportunity for us to grow along with our target audience."

Trinidad also added that starting with this conference, the league will adopt a new slogan—"Ito ang Tunay na Ligang Bayan" —which will focus on the homegrown talents without undermining the capability and integrity of some Fil-foreign players.

"We're not against hiring Fil-foreign players but what we want is to give our locals the chance to shine," said Trinidad. "We want them to work hard and aim high."

Newcomer Sunkist-University of Santo Tomas collides with defending champion Welcoat Paints while Fash Liquid Detergent (formerly Hapee) tangles with dangerous Montaña Pawnshop in a pair of interestingr matches.

On paper, the Paint Masters appear to be the team to beat, having recruited deadshot James Yap of the University of the East, two promising big men in 6-foot-8 JR Reyes and 6-foot-7 Ervin Sotto and last conference's Most Improved Player Nelbert Omolon.

Welcoat has also reactivated the peppery Paul Artadi, also from UE, in the team's all-out bid to reclaim the crown they lost to the Liquid Power in the Sunkist Unity Cup.

GAMES TODAY *(Pasig Sports Center)*
1:30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony
2 p.m.—Sunkist vs Welcoat
4 p.m.—Fash Liquid Detergent vs Montaña Pawnshop

The Liquid Power, out to build a dynasty of their own, will have their hands full against the Jewels although they boast of a formidable frontcourt combination of Rich Alvarez and Allan Salansang. The Jewels, meantime, will rely heavily on Gary David, who owns perhaps the deadliest hands in the league right now.

A brief opening ceremony ushers in sexy siren Francine Prieto leading an array of charming muses of the participating teams.

Prieto will be the muse of Blu Star. The other muses are Jennifer Anne Ablan (Welcoat), Czarina de Leon (Fash Liquid Detergent), Ma. Erica Callanta (Sunkist-UST), Rochelle Mendoza (Viva) and Kelly Francine Ilusorio Raab (Montaña Pawnshop).

The Milo Amazing Kids will also showcase tricks before the opening game.

Other teams taking part are Blu Star Detergent, ICTSI-La Salle and Viva Mineral Water-Far Eastern University. The Philippine team will also be seeing action in some exhibition games as part of its buildup for the Vietnam SEA Games.

Aside from the Pasig Sports Center, games will also be held in San Beda College, University of Santo Tomas and Pasay Sports Complex in a move expected to bring the league closer to its fans.

Studio 23, according to Trinidad, will air games from 2-6 p.m. every Saturday and 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. For an expanded coverage, Studio 23 had also forged a tie-up with Solar Sports which will air games not shown on Studio 23.

LA Lakers scramble past Spurs in double overtime

SAN ANTONIO—Kobe Bryant piled up 37 points to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a wild 120-117 double overtime win over the defending champion San Antonio Spurs Thursday.

Bryant, who had an embarrassing fall during the third quarter, teamed up with Shaquille O'Neal to finally overcome the injury-plagued Spurs, who were without the injured Tim Duncan and Tony Parker.

O'Neal added 35 points and 20 rebounds while Karl Malone had 15 points and 19 rebounds to help the Lakers (5-0) remain unbeaten. Gary Payton picked up 16 points, seven rebounds and six assists for Los Angeles.

Manu Ginobili had 33 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Spurs, which had six players in double figures.

Malik Rose added 15 points and eight rebounds for San Antonio (3-3) while Rasho Nesterovic had 14 points and nine rebounds.

In East Rutherford, Ron Artest notched 21 points to help the Indiana Pacers to an 87-81 win over the New Jersey Nets.

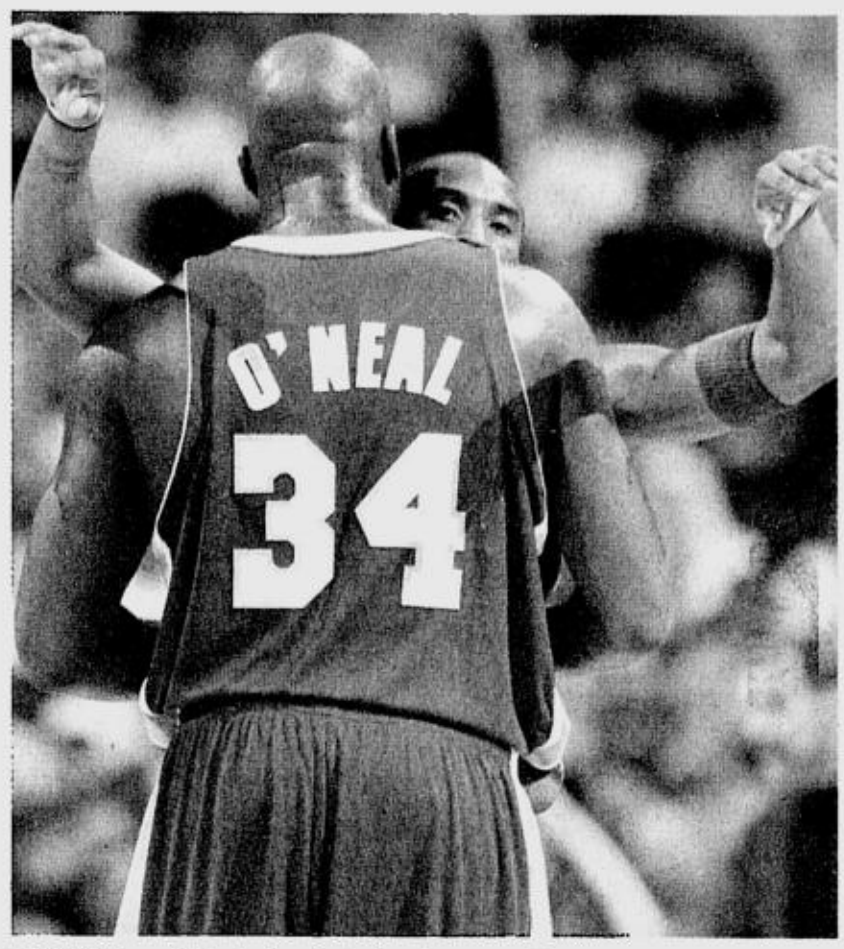
Anthony Johnson had 17 points and Jermaine O'Neal 15 for Indiana, which outscored the Nets 26-12 in the second quarter.

It was the third straight victory for the Pacers.

Kerry Kittles picked up 23 points for New Jersey.

In Toronto, 18 points from Vince Carter paced the Raptors to a 77-71 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Antonio Davis added 13 points and 14 rebounds while Morris Peterson had 12 points for the Raptors, which are 3-0 at home this season. *Reuters*



BRYANT hugs O'Neal after the Lakers' escape act. AP

Sports Bits

Reds outfielder dies

PHOENIX—A man was arrested on a homicide charge Thursday in the death of Cincinnati Reds outfielder Dernell Stenson, and police said they were seeking a second suspect. Reginald Riddle also was charged with armed robbery and kidnapping, Chandler police said. *AP*

Boxing legend buried

BUDAPEST, Hungary—Thousands of mourners attended the funeral of three-time Olympic boxing champion Laszlo Papp at Farkasreti cemetery Thursday. Papp, who died on Oct. 16 at age 77, was the first boxer to win three Olympic gold medals. *AP*

Tarver excites Jones

LAS VEGAS—Antonio Tarver gave Roy Jones Jr. a reason to get excited about fighting as a light heavyweight once again. Now, he might be forced to pay the price for it. Jones, who still holds the WBA heavyweight title, returns to the 175-pound ranks for probably the last time Saturday night in a scheduled 12-round fight for Tarver's light heavyweight title. *AP*

PGA Tour stakes $240M

HOUSTON, Texas—The US PGA Tour has announced a 48-tournament schedule for 2004 offering a total prize fund of about $240 million, up nearly seven percent. The program runs from Jan. 8, with the season-opening Mercedes Championship in Hawaii, to Nov.r 7, for the start of the Tour Championship in Atlanta, Georgia. *Reuters*

Renault F1 team arriving

MILD Seven, one of the most recognized luxury cigarette brands in the world, will bring the Mild Seven Renault F1 Team R23 race car and official team driver Allan McNish to Manila on Nov. 15.

The special exhibit of the Formula 1 car and the appearance of McNish are the highlights of the culminating event of Mild Seven's Slipstream F1 raffle promo.

As part of the exciting side events, Mild Seven will mount the "Mild Seven Slipstream Formula one Celebrity/Media Challenge" for members of the press. This will take place on Nov. 15, from 2:30-6 p.m. at the event grounds at the North Parking of The Fort, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.

The grueling yet fun-filled eight-part mini-tournament includes games that simulate the training regimen of F1 drivers. These are Mild Seven F1 History Wall trivia contest, Golf Putting, Wall Climb, Radio Control (RC) Racing, PS2 F1 2003 Game, F1 Arcade, Karting and Pitstop contest.

SPORTSWATCH

Statefields Field of Dreams

STATEFIELDS School in Bacoor, Cavite, has done what many Provincial Football Associations might consider doing with 'unused property'. The school management has converted part of an oversized parking lot into a "playing" field where kids can enjoy the game. "Pinoy Futbol" is in need of these bright moments and Statefields has just contributed to the cause. The dimension of the "field" is 13.5 meters by 129 meters. It's not anywhere close to a standard but it's more than enough to introduce and promote the world's number one sport to the populated area.

'Kaya stops San Beda in Super Cup'

NCR double champion Kaya Football Club handed the San Beda College Red Lions, themselves recent cup winners in "Ang Liga" and "Unigames", their first defeat in eleven months, with a 3-2 golden goal victory in Week-Two of the Globe Super Cup at the Nomads Sports Club recently. Other matches in the Globe Super Cup featured the Army football squad with a decisive 3-0 win over Ateneo de Manila University; Aguila FC over Faith Academy, 5-2; College of St. Benilde over Lateo, 4-3, and Laos FC over De La Salle University, 2-1.

Merge invitational badminton

BADMINTON'S popularity continues to grow with the staging of another event called the Merge Invitational Tournament today and tomorrow at the Badminton Arena at No. 305 J.P. Rizal St., Mandaluyong City. Enthusiasts of all ages will compete in the men's, ladies', mixed and kids' doubles categories. Former national players will also display their wares in exhibition games. The tourney is organized by coach Malvin Alcala, Kathy Alvarado, Peng Aritao, AG Li, Stanley Lim and Mike Petines.

LGBA championship round

THE "LUZON Gamecock Breeders Association 7-Stag Derby" championship round sizzles today at the Roligon Mega Cockpit starting at 5 p.m. Sponsors are Washout Shampoo, Pitfighter Feeds, Enertone, Derby Ace, Amtyl 500, Supremo Pellets and Strike Power Pellets. After two days of action, only six out of 67 entries managed to make perfect scores of three points each. The frontrunners are Blandy Tolentino (San Pablo Heat), Mauro Prieto (Anito), engineer Jun Sevilla (JRS Spectrum), Ram Lopez (Altuz), Boy Gamilla (BMJ) and Levi Panganiban (Blew Blast). One of the heavy favorites is Prieto's Anito entry, winner of the first leg on Oct. 25. For details, contact 833-2275 and 833-1638.

NFGB opens extensive website

THE NATIONAL Federation of Gamefowl Breeders now has its own website, www.nfgb.sabungero.com, which is sponsored by Thunderbird Power Feeds and Univet. Designed and housed by popular cocker's site www.sabungero.com, the NFGB cyber center features, among others, the history of NFGB, its ongoing programs and actions, information about NFGB member-organizations and photos of NFGB activities courtesy of Pit Games Magazine.

Breeders' qualifying rounds

SEPARATE qualifying rounds of the Panay Gamefowl Breeders Association (PAGBA) at the Iloilo Coliseum and the joint eliminations of the United Ilocandia Gamefowl Breeders Ass'n (UNIGBA) and Cagayan Valley Gamefowl Breeders Ass'n (CVGBA) at the Tuao Cockpit, Tuguegarao, Cagayan, will be held tomorrow. Both events are sponsored by Enertone Ready-Mixed Concentrate—*sa* Enertone, *manok naka*-precon. Bakbakan 2003 8-Stag National Derby hosted by the National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders will have its championship at the Araneta Coliseum on Nov. 22, 24 and 26 with Thunderbird Platinum-*sa paluan hindi mauunahan* as one of the presenters. PAGBA, led by Ricoy Palmares—concurrent President of the NFGB, is expected to show up in full force as they bid to capture the Bakbakan championship. CVGBA, led by its President Gerry Alivia, posted back-to-back solo victories in 2001 and 2002 and is now eyeing a three-peat and permanent ownership of the Bakbakan Perpetual Trophy.

7-cocker in Cavite

MORE than 100 entries are expected for the Cavite International 7-Cock Derby scheduled Dec. 1, 3 and 5 at the Cavite Coliseum. This annual fund-raiser is being hosted by Sen. Ramon Revilla and longtime friends Rudy Salud, Vice Mayor Nestor Mercado, Lito Orillaza and William Co for the benefit of Philippine Center for Mental Health. Interested parties may contact Ferdie Bautista at 046-970991 or 0918-5674921 for reservation of cockhouses. For an entry fee of P30,000, the guaranteed prize is P2 million.

Slipstream F1 raffle promo

A world renowned F1 driver, a multi-million dollar car, live entertainment, and racing related games await Formula One (F1) aficionados as Mild Seven wraps up its "Slipstream" F1 raffle promo at the North Parking area of The Fort, Taguig on Nov. 15. Veteran racer and Mild Seven Renault F1 Team test driver Allan McNish will be in Manila when Mild Seven gives away six of the eight all-expense-paid trips to the Sepang Formula One race circuit in Malaysia. The lucky grand prize winners get a three-day, two-night trip to the 2004 Malaysian Grand Prix plus 1,000 Malaysian Ringgits in pocket money.

First inter-media badminton

FIVE media organizations compete in the first inter-media invitational badminton tournament which kicks off today at the Powersmash Badminton Center on Pasong Tamo in Makati City. ABS-CBN, Philippine Star, Businessworld and the Daily Tribune, fielding a total of six teams, compete for the ladies doubles, mens doubles and mixed doubles in a single round robin with playoff of the final round. Games start at 10 a.m. The tournament is being sponsored by Bingo Bonanza Corporation, Prince Badminton and Binondo Suites Manila. The tournament culminates on Sunday, Nov. 9.

POWERMAN

Philippine Daily Inquirer's power man, Roy Adeva, will attempt to match his 1st place finish (age 25-30) at the Ex-Tri sa Batangas-extreme triathlon race this Dec. 6-7. The event will kick off with the Extreme Triathlon (750m swim/ 21km Mt. Bike/ 5km trail run) race on Dec. 6 at 3pm. The XC Mt. Bike race will be on Dec. 7 at 10am. Adeva will spearhead Team PDI, also composed of Alex Reyes, David Valdes, Tessa Prieto-Valdes and Dennis Valdes; that will compete in the PowerBar Team Category.

ROOKIE WINNERS

Filipino Don Pastor (2nd from right) raises his trophy with fellow 2003 Formula BMW Asia rookie champions Tyson Sy and Kyong-Ouk You (middle). With them are David Sonenscher and a FBMW representative

Spring-SP five tackles Grachiya

GAMES TODAY *(New Cebu City Coliseum)*
5:30 p.m.—M. Lhuillier vs Shineway-Ozamiz
7:30 p.m.—Spring-San Pablo vs Grachiya-Adamson

CEBU CITY—The Spring Cooking Oil-San Pablo 7 Lakers try to bounce back from a heartbreaking opening-day loss to newcomer Ilocos Sur Snipers when they face Grachiya-Adamson today in the 2003 Panasonic-NBL Regional Cup basketball tournament at the new Cebu City Coliseum here.

The 7 Lakers' main backers, national shooting champion Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and San Pablo City Mayor Florante "Boy" Aquino, are optimistic about their boys' chances against the Unigames champs in the 7:30 p.m. game.

Reigning champion Shineway-Ozamiz and back-to-back titlist M. Lhuillier Kwarta Padala-Cebu collide in the opener at 5:30 p.m.

Old reliables Roel Manuel and Rolly Menor will be back to spearhead the 7 Lakers as they seek their first win in the tournament sponsored by Panasonic, BJ Star Logistics, Molten, Sulpicio Lines and Nature's Spring.

Manuel and Menor were sorely missed by coach Ted Magno when the 7 Lakers dropped a 72-80 decision to the Snipers last Oct. 24 in San Pablo City. The other key addition to Spring-SP is pesky National University point guard Froilan Baguion.

Ozamiz has beefed up its roster with 6-foot-6 DJ de Jesus, Arden Guiyab, Jhayson Alminario, John Alwyn Flore and court generals Arnold Booker and Edgar Chavez while retaining the services of Milfred Sampilo, Boyet Guerrero, Dennis Cabigkis, Chris Ferraren, Neli Libatog, Roland Delina and David Cabrera.

Lhuillier is banking on Woodraw Enriquez, Pableo Canoneo Jr., Bruce Dacia, Arnold Rodriguez, Darryl Smith, Ramil Ferma, James Laygo, Aldrin Ocanada and Aldrich Reyes.

Woods 3 strokes adrift in Tour Championship

HOUSTON, Texas—Tiger Woods, despite three-putting at the last, narrowly outperformed his rivals for 2003 PGA Tour player of the year honors in the season-ending Tour Championship's first round on Thursday.

While Charles Howell III and Kenny Perry set the tournament pace with four-under-par 67s at the Champions Golf Club, Woods bounced back from a three-bogey run early on the back nine to card an opening 70.

The world No.1, under pressure from Vijay Singh, Mike Weir and Davis Love III to clinch his sixth player of the year award since 1997, recovered with birdies on 14 and 16 before his late blemish, staying just in front of his three challengers.

Canadian Weir, the US Masters winner, mixed five bogeys with four birdies on his way to a one-over-par 72 while 1997 US PGA champion Love and US money list leader Singh, playing with Woods on the day, both battled to 73s.

Singh, who must finish no worse than joint third this week to capture the PGA Tour's money title over Woods, failed to produce his red-hot form of recent weeks, mixing three bogeys with a solitary birdie at the par-five ninth.

"I still think I'm going to do well in this tournament," the Fijian said. "If I get my putter working, I'm going to be all right."

Woods finished in a four-way tie for 13th at one under, with 12 players positioned above him on the leaderboard in the elite 31-strong field.

"I played well most of the day," Woods said. "I hit two bad shots back to back, two bad tee shots on 11 and 12."

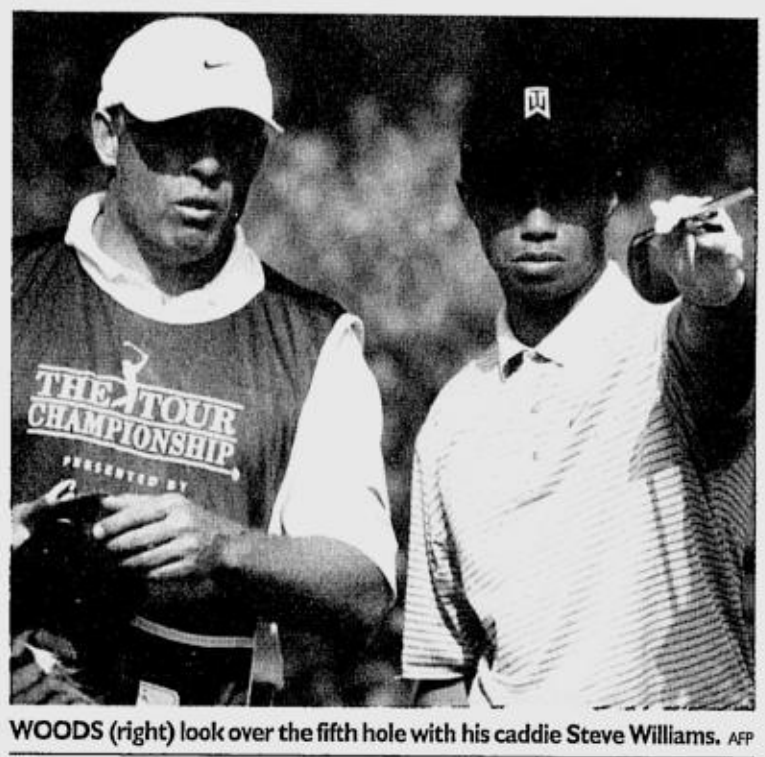
Fred Funk, Jerry Kelly and Chris DiMarco shared third spot after first-round 68s, while former major winners Justin Leonard, Retief Goosen of South Africa and David Toms were among a group of seven locked at two-under 69.

The 27-year-old Woods had carved out yet another slice of golfing history merely by stepping on to the first tee, eclipsing the PGA Tour's consecutive cut record set by Byron Nelson in 1949.

Going into this week's event, Woods had made the cut in 113 successive events, having tied Nelson's total two weeks ago at the Funai Classic in Orlando, Florida.

But since the Tour Championship does not have a cut, it was a formality that Woods would break the record in Houston.

If he plays in the season-opening Mercedes Championships in Hawaii in January, he will take his streak to 115, since that tournament also has no cut. The Mercedes is only for winners from the 2003 season. Reuters



WOODS (right) look over the fifth hole with his caddie Steve Williams. AFP

Pasay-PAF tops chessfest

ASIAN 3.2a Zonal champion Ronald Dableo led the Pasay City-Philippine Air Force chess team to the title of the 1st League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) Inter-Cities Team Championships Thursday night at the Kaban ng Hiyas, Mandaluyong City Hall.

Other members of the team, which posted a perfect score of 9 points, are Jerome Balico, A2c Oliver Dimakiling, A2c Rodolfo Panopio, A2c Rolando Yutuc and coach Louie Polistico.

"We cherish this championship since this is the first time that we won the team tournament. Thanks to all our supporters headed by Lt. Gen. Nestor Santillan, Chief of Air Staff Brig. Gen. Jaime Viernes Jr., PAF Special Service Director Lt. Col. Roelito Nolasco, Mayor Peewee Trinidad and PAF assistant coach Elbin Ramos," said Polistico. *NM Marlon Bernardino*

Motorbike fiesta today

A GREAT convergence of motorcycle enthusiasts takes place tomorrow in "Track Day For A Cause," a charity project, at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas.

Organized by A3 Motorsports, Bikers Unlimited and Motorcycleasia.com, the event is open to all riders with a motorcycle—from scooters to cruisers—a safety gear and a heart to ride.

Participants will be categorized into groups depending on their skill level and experience. There will be on-track instructors headed by expert racers Miguel Bichara and Julian Goitia.

Registration starts at 7 a.m., followed by a briefing and lecture on basic rules.

There will be a paramedical series provided by the Automotive Association of the Philippines (AAP) in the event sponsored by Malayan Insurance "Motorcycle 1"—the first comprehensive motorcycle insurance plan in the country, Bridgestone "Battlax" Motorcycle Tires, and "Pazzo" Bistro Glorietta 4 and Rockwell.

Registration fee is P1,500. BRC members are entitled to a 50-percent discount, while proceeds will be donated to Jose Ramon Ripoll, a four-year-old boy born with complex congenital heart disease.

Those who wish to participate may get more information at www.motorcycleasia.com or may call Philip Alvendia at 0917-3274545 or Julian Goitia at 0917-8105748.

New gym a boost for Ilocos Sur

ILOCOS Sur moves a step closer to becoming the sports mecca of the North when it unveils a 5,000-seater gymnasium in Santo Domingo town on Nov. 12.

About 1,100 coaches, teachers and trainers will take part in the 2nd Gov. Savellano Sports Training Camp in the gym on the same day.

Ilocos Sur Gov. Deogracias Victor Savellano said the teachers, coaches and trainers have chosen to concentrate on 15 sports disciplines where they can train athletes who will represent the province in the Luzon Games and the Palarong Pambansa.

Savellano said focus of the training camp is the development of qualified coaches and trainers in basketball, volleyball, badminton, athletics, gymnastics, boxing, taekwondo, table tennis, lawn tennis, softball, baseball, swimming, football, chess and sepak takraw.

All 15 sports are on the calendar of the Southeast Asian Games and the Asian Games.

"It has been our dream to make Region I a top contender in sports competitions," Savellano said.

He said the Santo Domingo gym, home of the Ilocos Sur Snipers in the National Basketball League (NBL), will soon host a game of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

Pivotal third match in CBL

BEER na Beer and Skyflakes dispute solo leadership as they duel anew today in the Corporate Billiards League (CBL) best-of-seven championship series at Robinsons Galleria.

With the series tied at 1-1, Game Three is expected to be fought to the last man by both teams.

The match, sponsored by Tanduay The No. 1 Rhum, with the support of Rommel's Billiards, the official table, will be telecast over the National Broadcasting Network at 8-9 p.m., with hosts Danny Romero and Recah Trinidad.

Beer na Beer, behind skipper and No.1 Asian snooker player Marlon Manalo, drew first blood in the series with a 5-2 victory in the first match.

Skyflakes evened things up with a 5-3 decision in the second match.

"Medyo minalas kami sa endgame. *Talagang hindi para sa amin 'yung* Game Two *pero naging* eye-opener *'yun para makita namin ang aming* lapses," said Manalo, who will be supported by Al Ortega and Emil de la Paz.

The winner of this event, conceptualized by Tanduay advertising manager Larry Li and patterned after the alternate-shot, alternate-break format of the Mosconi Cup, will move within two wins of the title and the P100,000 top purse.

Sports tourism up at Intramuros

SPORTS tourism, a new concept to promote the Philippines as a sports and tourism haven, takes centerstage with the first Sports Tourism and Adventure Travel Show which kicked off yesterday at the Clamshell 2 in Intramuros.

The Department of Tourism (DOT), through the Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation (PCVC) in cooperation with VISA, is spearheading the event that will feature the best sports and adventure travel packages offered and available in the Philippines.

The event, according to Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, will highlight the Philippines as the premier sports and adventure destination in Southeast Asia.

Scheduled until Nov. 30, the event will also serve as a prelude to the 23rd Southeast Asian Games which the Philippines is hosting in 2005.

"Basketball is not the only outstanding sporting event in the Philippines," declared Gordon. "The recent revival of professional cycling known as Tour Pilipinas and the milestone achieved by Filipino athletes in boxing and billiards prove that there is a wealth of talent and possibilities in promoting sports tourism."

Sports Tourism director Cynthia Carrion of the PCVC said there is a clear opportunity in presenting the Philippines as the prime adventure and sports destination in the region.

"We are blessed with the finest beaches, golf courses, facilities, instructors and sporting goods manufacturers. In essence, we are a one-stop shop for sports and adventure seekers, both foreign and local," said Carrion.

PCVC OIC regional manager Gerry Panga said the showcase is based on the World Tourism Organization data that identifies sports tourism as a very significant segment of the global tourism market.

The month-long Intramuros event will also feature badminton matches among celebrities led by Gordon, television host Dyan Castillejo and commercial model January "Lumen" Isaac.

Carrion added: "The Sports Tourism and Adventure Travel Show is our way of telling the world that the Philippines is ready for any sporting interest or adventure."

Wall-climbing clinics, sports aerobics marathon and darts competitions are among the other activities in the show.

The event is open free to the public.

Don Bosco XI nips WNC, takes Coke Go-for-Goal crown

BACOLOD CITY—Don Bosco Technical Institute of Victorias nipped West Negros College, 1-0, on a golden goal by Jonard Bentic to rule the Negros Occidental Coke Go-for-Goal under-16 football tournament Thursday at the Panaad Sports Stadium here.

Bentic, who was eventually named the tourney's most valuable player, struck in the 82nd minute after the two teams had failed to score from the opening whistle.

Ramon Torres National High School of Bago finished third by nosing out Colegio de Sto. tomas-Recoletos, 6-5, in the other match.

Jonel Laserna tallied three goals and Rodelito Manolo scored twice to spoil the four-goal performance of CSTR's Jerome Combate.

DBTI edged RTNHS, 2-1, while West Negros College blanked CSTR, 4-0, in the semifinals.

The other individual awardees were WNC's Kenneth Soriano (best goalkeeper), Francisco Donesa (best defender) and Romeo Alcoran (best striker) and DBTI's Larry Jade Pun-an (best midfielder).

La Consolacion School Gardenville won the Fifa Fair Play award.

Over in Masbate, Dimasalang Team A High School leaned on Marfil Rigor's four markers to crush Balud High, 13-0, at the start of the Masbate Coke Go-for-Goal eliminations.

Meanwhile, 14 teams will see action in the Tarlac eliminations kicking off at 8 a.m. today at the Luisita Center in San Miguel, Tarlac City.

These are CAT High, Maliwalo High, Tarlac National High (Main and annex), Tarlac Montessori School, Don Bosco Technical Institute, San Vicente FC, Osias College, Camiling Colleges, San Manuel High, Alvindia-Aguso High, Amucao FC, Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School nd San Sebastian Cathedral School.

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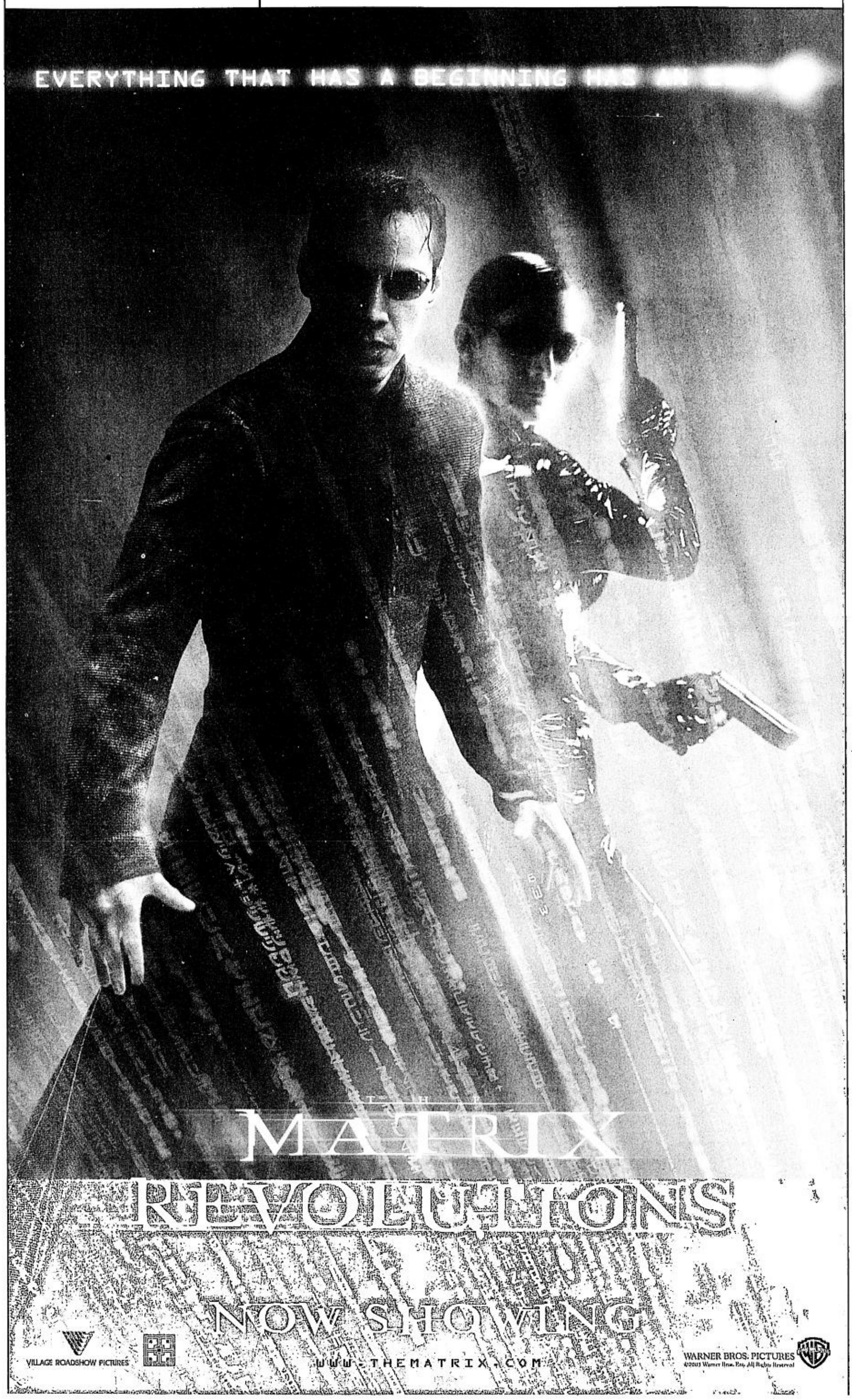

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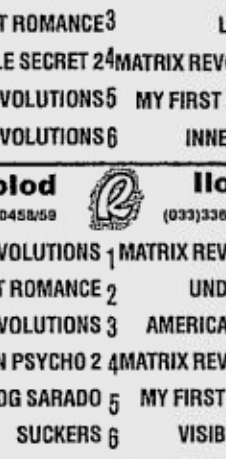

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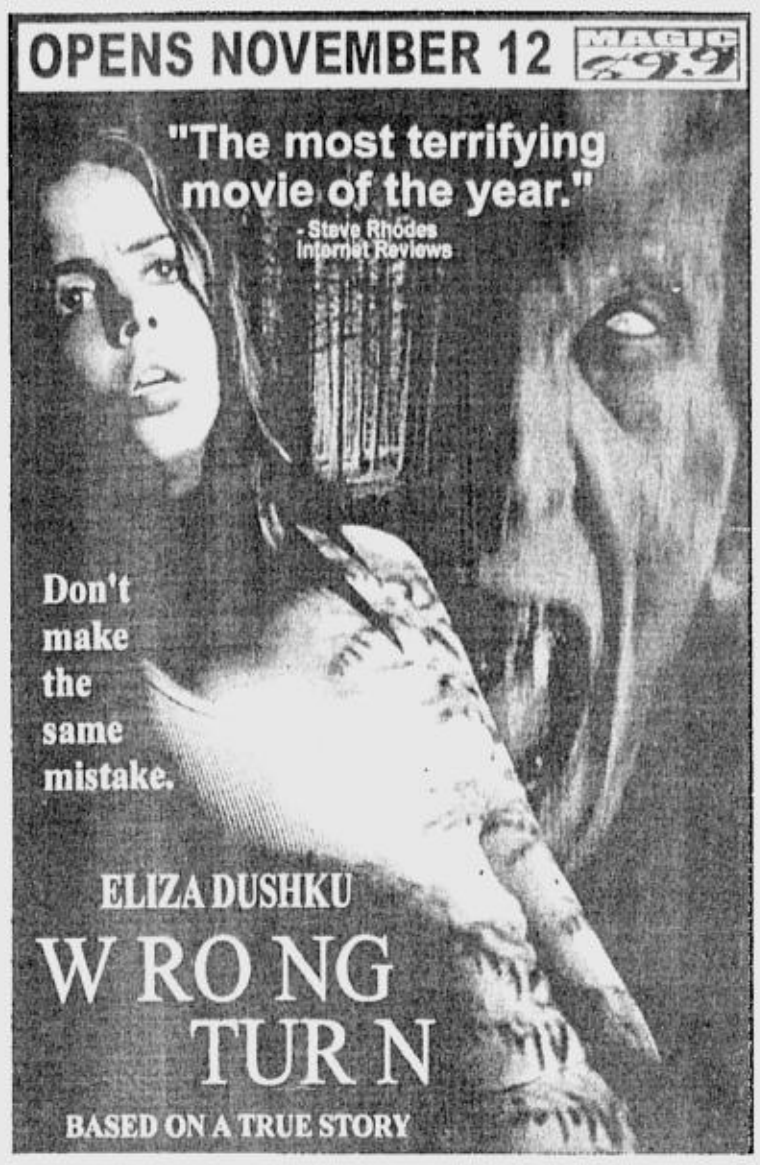

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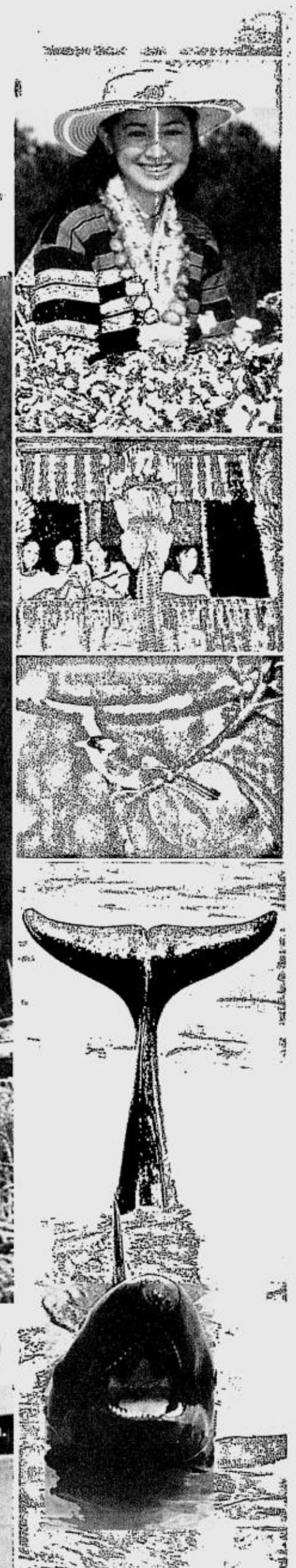

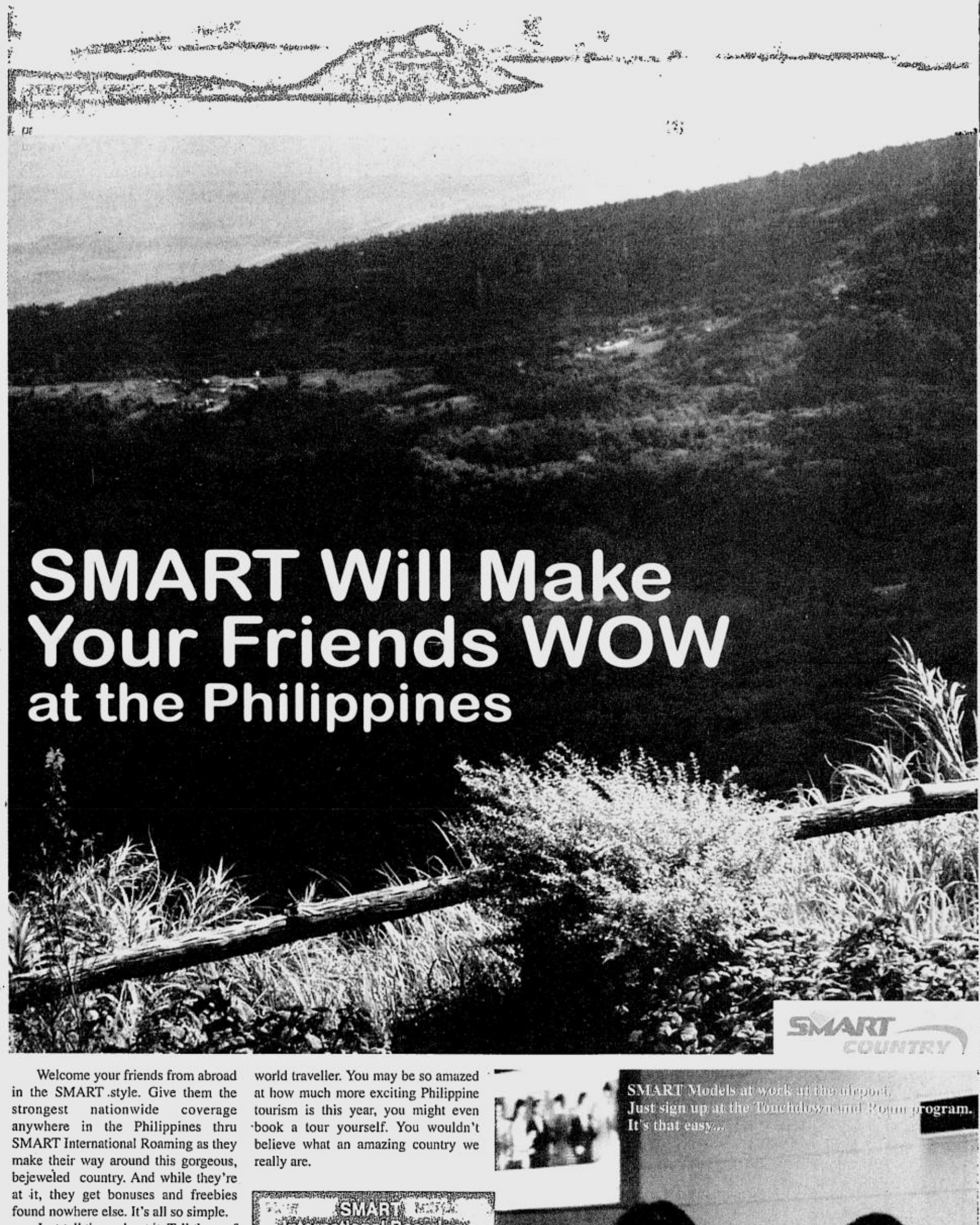

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Pro-Am stakes P1.2M

THE U-BIX National Pro-Am will be held at the Riviera's Langer championship course from Nov. 18-22.

Details of the P1.2 million tournament were recently formalized at the Caffe Appasionato meeting by the organizers led by U-Bix president Edilberto "Bert" Bravo and Riviera Club president Commodore Danilo Pizarro. Also present was Jun Bustamante, representing the local pro body or PGAP.

The event starts with the celebrity pro-am featuring invited corporate guests and officials of the sponsors which are DHL World Wide Express, Airlift Asia, Esapsa, Pagcor, PNOC, Toyota Motors and Pacsports.

The tournament proper of 4 days slides into a cut-off after three days when the top 30 battle it out for the total cash kitty.

The U-Bix Riviera National Pro-am, which is symbolically spearheaded for the Bert Bravo Cup, is a revival of the old Ft. Bonifacio Pro-Am that was popular for close to five decades.

The registry list has drawn notable tandems like Gil Ababa-Raymund Sangil, Ramil Bisera-Jay Bayron, Roger Cabajar-Fredivic Baligasa, Gerard Cantada-JR Tanpinco, Jess Casas-Boyet Saragoza, Jun Cedo-Juami Rocha, Rodolfo Cuello-Ernesto Lim, Rodrigo Cuello-Rudy Amata and Marlon Dizon-Bones Floro.

Cavaliers tilt today

THE FIRST Couple will lead the ceremonial tee-off of the Cavaliers' Cup Amateur Golf Tournament at the Aguinaldo Golf Course today.

The occasion is an annual fund-raising event of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association (PMAA) to support various civic projects of the association. This year's main beneficiaries are the V. Luna Memorial Center and the Camp Crame Station Hospital.

Commodore Carlos Agustin said the tournament proper will be held Nov. 15 and 16 at the Aguinaldo and Villamor courses with a brand-new car as prize for the first player to make a hole-in-one in either course.

Jungolf resumes

THE SCHOOL season of the Samsung Jungolf tour resumes tomorrow with the Class E competitions at the Executive Course of the Riviera Golf and Country Club in Silang, Cavite.

The 18-hole tourney marks the start of the implementation of a national ranking system where points will be given to the top finishers of events all the way up to next year's summer circuit.

Gerry Handog, president of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines, said tournaments like the Young Guns at Southwoods will carry vital points for the rankings.

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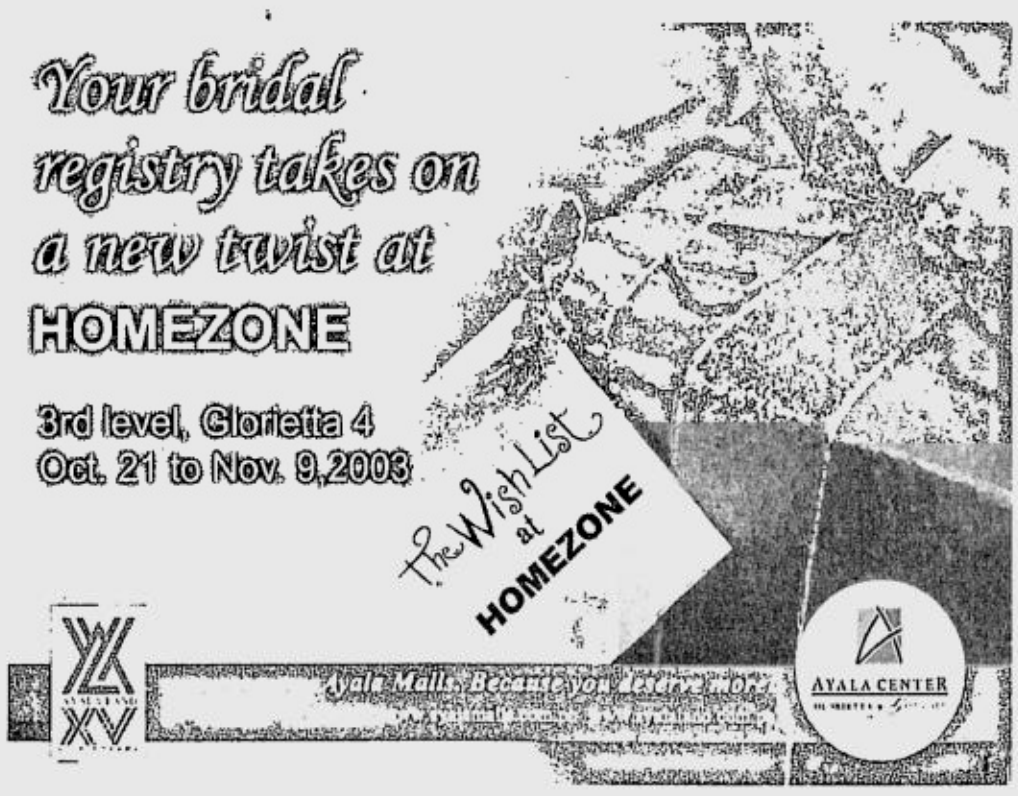

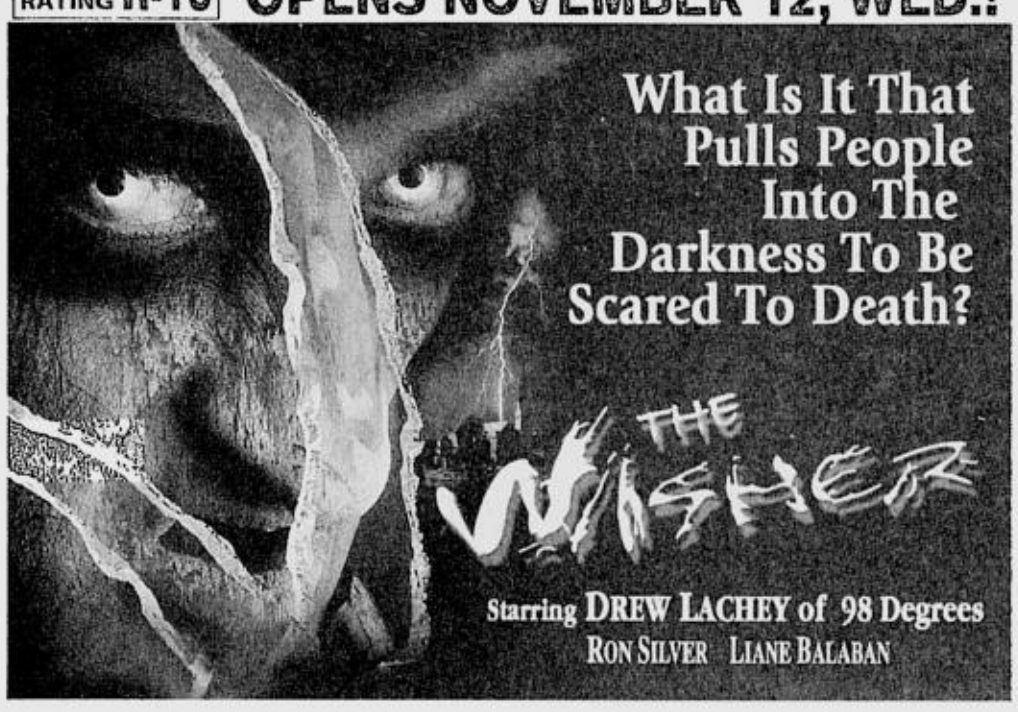

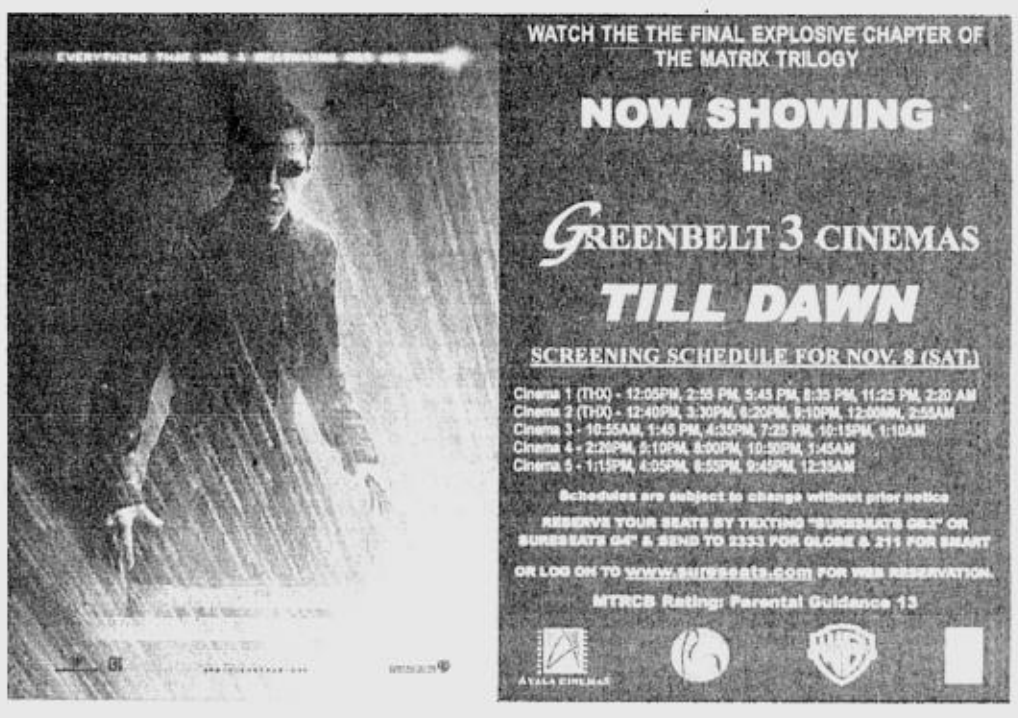

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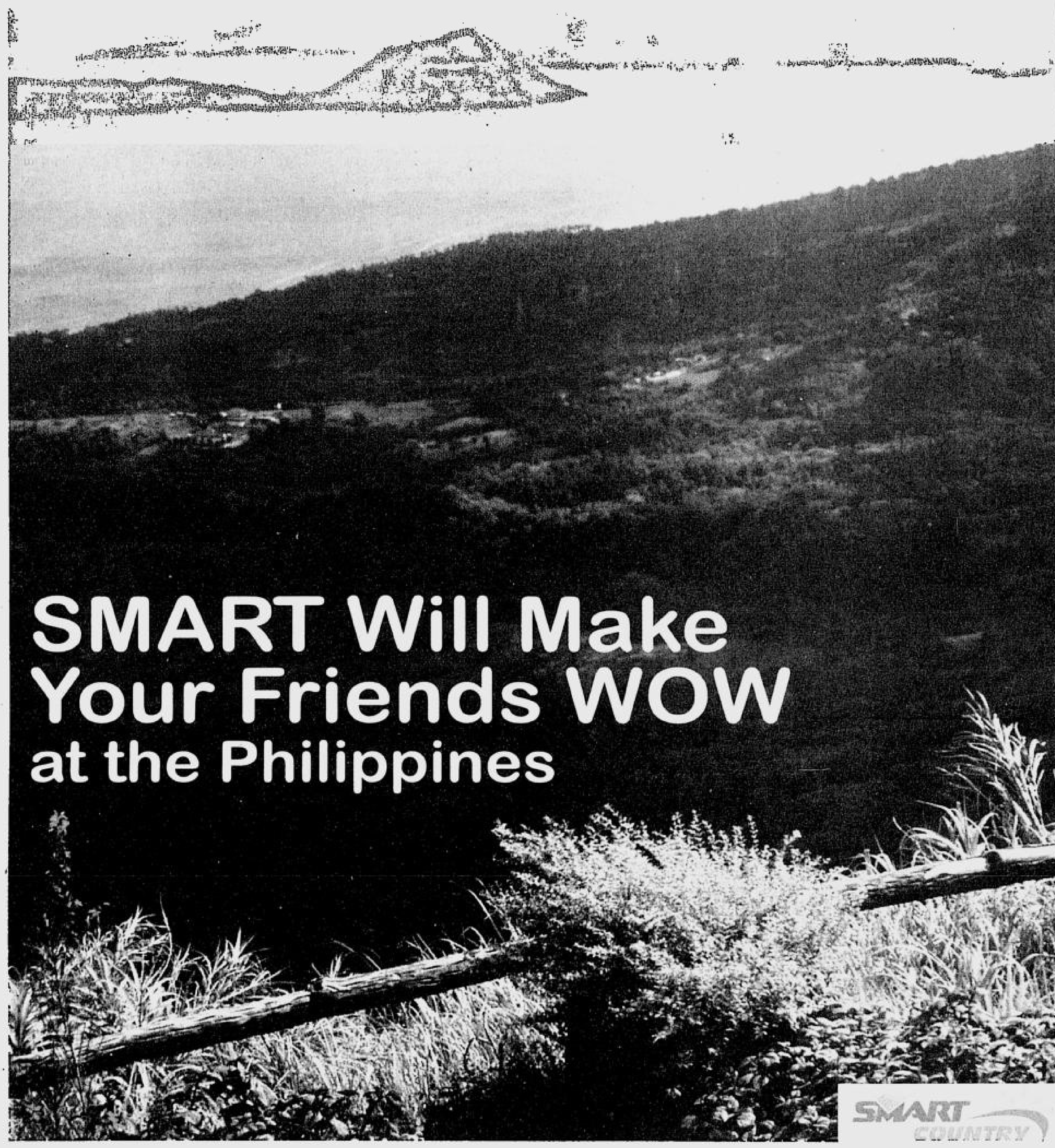

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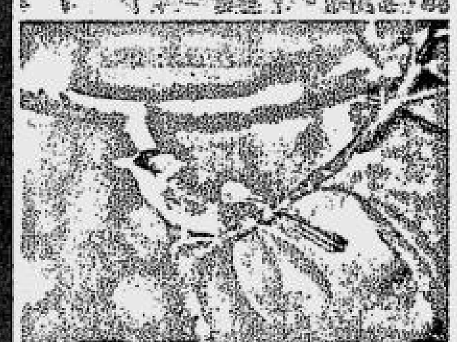

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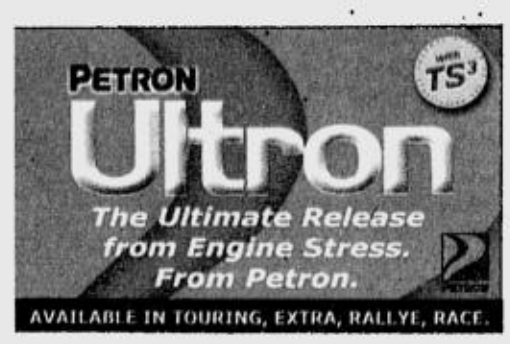

Gov't to sell retail T-bonds worth $250M

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE NATIONAL government, taking advantage of strong investor interest in Philippine debt papers, will launch next week $250 million worth of retail Treasury bonds.

Proceeds of the issue will be used to partly cover the government's financing requirements next year.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said in a statement yesterday that the government had formally appointed HSBC Ltd., Land Bank of the Philippines and First Metro Investment Corp. to lead-manage the offering.

The US dollar-denominated offering, which will have a three-year maturity, will be priced next week.

The new offering follows the recent issuance by the government of $1.05 billion worth of long-term bonds, yielding net proceeds of about $800 million.

The last debt issue had set historic lows for a sovereign bond deal out of Asia.

The underwriters will be paid fees equivalent to 10 basis points for the 2025 issue and for the 2014, 6 basis points, half of what the government paid for a sovereign deal handled by JP Morgan last year.

The new offering will allow the government to meet its goal of raising $1 billion this year for pre-funding of next year's requirement.

While the government expects demand for Philippine debt papers to be strong for the rest of the year, it acknowledges the possibility that spreads might widen by next year in view of the May presidential elections.

"Portfolio investors are looking favorably at the Philippines," Camacho said, citing the country's good economic fundamentals as well as the government's improved fiscal management. "I think there's still a lot of unmet demand (for Philippine papers)," he said.

The government's budget deficit, earlier a big concern among investors, was still below ceiling during the first nine months of the year despite some overspending in September to help perk up the economy.

Philippine private companies are likewise on a borrowing binge to take advantage of strong investor appetite.

· Banco de Oro Universal Bank and Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. recently raised $150 million and $200 million; respectively, higher than the original targets of $130 million and $100 million.

More corporations have likewise announced plans to tap the market soon, including ABS CBN Broadcasting Corp. ($150 million); Philippine National Bank $140 million); Ayala Corp. ($100 million) and Filinvest Land Inc. ($100 million).

Global investors are shifting to higher-yielding debts papers following the reduction in interest rates in Europe, which has been a laggard amidst the ongoing global rebound. This has, in turn, perked up the bond market in Asia.

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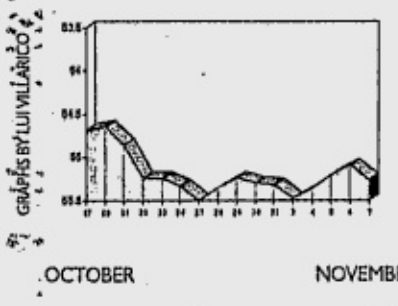

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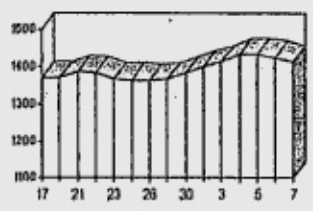

(See stock market report on Page B3)

SHARES slipped for a third consecutive day yesterday as investors booked profit after a week-long rally that saw the market touch 18-month highs. Big caps such as Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) and Ayala group firms which had led the broad market up were again the chief casualties.

The main composite index shed 10.28 points, or 0.72 percent, to finish at 1,413.11 points. The market is up 38.76 percent for the year to date, and has gained 1 percent over the past week.

Turnover remained light at P484.98 million from Thursday's P412.23 million as foreign investors who helped drive the market up, took to the sidelines against a backdrop of political jitters and the shaky local currency.

The Philippine stock market has been the sixth-best performing bourse in Asia this year and Aguila said even after the current mild correction, the main index remained above his firm's target for the year.

"We are just continuing this corrective period for the market after the sharp gains driven by expectations for telecom companies earnings," said Nestor Aguila, chair of DA Market Securities. *Reuters*

BSP sets tougher criteria for bank execs

By Clarissa S. Batino

HONG KONG—The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said it would start implementing next year tougher measures that would ensure good governance in the banking sector.

The central bank said it would focus on, among others, the qualification of key bank officials.

The central bank said it would prohibit banks' top officers and directors from assuming their posts without undergoing proper training.

"Starting next year, we will disqualify those who have not undergone the necessary seminars on good governance," Buenaventura said during a panel discussion on good governance and corporate responsibility in Asia, which was by Businessweek during its 7th Annual CEO Forum here.

The central bank also vowed to implement stronger policies on transparency and accountability among banks.

During the forum, the BSP chief admitted that it had been difficult to promote corporate governance in the Philippines, especially among family-owned companies.

However, the BSP chief said that with the central bank's serious corporate governance drive, 90 percent of bank presidents and directors in the country had already complied with the required training.

"Gone are the days when bank directors go to board meetings only to have free lunch. They have to start taking responsibility for their actions," he said.

Bank executives are also required to meet the BSP's fit-and-proper standards.

"While we are pressing for enhanced transparency and a better disclosure among banks, we believe that there should also be a more efficient market discipline," Buenaventura said.

"An efficient financial market will make it more difficult for companies lacking in proper disclosure and ranking low in corporate governance to raise funds. The most effective penal-

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THE TRUE STORY OF THE UPAA ELECTION

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Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17.5	17.5	17.25	17.25	74,700
Bank of the Phil. Islands	45	45	44	44	362,300
Citystate Savings Bank	15	15	15	15	1,900
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	36	36	35.5	35.5	63,800
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	100,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	27.5	26.5	27	41,400
Phil. Savings Bank	27	27	27	27	200
Security Bank Corp.	18.5	18.5	17	18.5	300
Union Bank of the Phil.	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	3,100
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Filipino Fund Inc.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	1,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1625	1625	1625	1625	50
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1340	1340	1320	1320	520
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	5,200
Diversified Fin. Network	2	2	2	2	1,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.72	0.72	0.7	0.7	4,670,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	825	830	820	820	8,390
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	1,500,000
JSM Communications Corp.	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.043	2,100,000
Philipino Tel. Corp.	0.9	0.9	0.88	0.88	6,620,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	400,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	825	825	815	815	163,160
Philweb Corp.	0.012	0.013	0.012	0.013	20,900,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	13.75	14	13.75	14	170,500
Manila Electric Co. B	20.75	20.75	20.5	20.5	880,800
Petron Corp.	2.04	2.06	2.04	2.06	57,000
Salcon Power Corp.	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	13,000
Trans-Asia Oil And Energy	0.97	1	0.97	1	67,360,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.3	1.32	1.3	1.3	500,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	150,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	120,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	30,000
Negros Navigation Co.Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.43	0.43	110,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	100,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.96	1.02	0.96	1.02	2,030,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	54,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	17	17	16.75	16.75	29,800
San Miguel Corp. A	56	56	55.5	56	223,600
San Miguel Corp. B	63	63	62	62.5	325,900
Universal Robina Corp.	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	210,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	50,000
Ayala Corp.	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	4,362,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	283,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.031	0.031	0.03	0.03	10,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.7	1.72	1.7	1.72	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.58	0.59	0.57	0.57	3,600,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.115	0.115	0.11	0.115	670,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.23	0.235	4,850,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	100,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	260,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.021	500,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	18	18	17.75	17.75	84,500
Global Equities Inc.	0.095	0.1	0.0925	0.0925	4,600,000
Ionics Inc.	1.58	1.62	1.56	1.62	356,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	20,000
Metco Holdings	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	150,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1,215,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1,560,000
Music Corp.	0.4	0.43	0.4	0.43	2,170,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	200,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.29	0.31	0.29	0.31	100,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	10,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Cen Azucar De Tarlac	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	5,000
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	10,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1	1	1	1	30,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0675	0.0675	0.065	0.065	700,000
Spi Technologies Inc.	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75	1,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	50,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	40,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.4	0.43	0.4	0.43	190,000
Manila Jockey Club	12	12.5	12	12.5	15,000
Mondragon Intl Phils Inc.	0.19	0.225	0.19	0.225	130,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	180,000
Philippine Racing Club	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	1,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	36,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series S	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	15,200
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.6	6,500
Philweb Corp. - Warrants	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	50,000,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	6	6.2	6	6.2	75,000
Far Eastern University	400	400	400	400	340
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	19,751,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	150,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	100,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.25	0.25	0.245	0.25	2,550,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1,840,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1,610,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.205	0.205	0.2	0.2	300,000
City & Land Developers	2	2	2	2	5,000
Sm Development Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	200,000
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MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	50,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.225	0.225	0.22	0.225	13,270,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.32	0.32	0.3	0.31	14,410,000
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Philex Mining Corp. A	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	300,000
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South China Resources Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	100,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	200,000

SMC Q3 profit up 15% to P1.79B

By Elena R. Torrijos

SAN Miguel Corp., Southeast Asia's largest food and beverage conglomerate, posted a 15 percent profit increase in the third quarter to P1.79 billion from P1.56 billion in the same period last year following the strong recovery of its international beer business and sales improvement in other product areas.

The 113-year-old listed company said in a statement that consolidated revenue grew 9 percent in the quarter to P35.9 billion, driven by revenue growth in the company's main business groups with double digit gains achieved by international beer, the Coca-Cola Beverage group and the packaging business.

As a result, the company's consolidated net income in the first nine months of this year grew 6 percent to P4.84 billion from the same period last year. Consolidated revenue, on the other hand, reached P108.1 billion, 9 percent higher than last year's.

SMC said international beer operations grew by 11 percent in the third quarter as the business recovered from the adverse effect of the SARS outbreak. Domestic beer sales, meanwhile, rose by 10 percent in the first nine months to P21.9 billion while operating income rose 21 percent to P4.1 billion.

SMC's liquor unit, Ginebra San Miguel Inc., posted a 5 percent gain in sales revenue during the first nine months of this year.

The other day, GSMI said that its net income in the third quarter this year amounted to P323 million, a decline of 7 percent compared to the same period last year. For the nine-month period, the unit's profit was 8 percent up to P1.2 billion.

SMC's Coca-Cola Beverage Group reported a 16 percent increase in sales to P9.6 billion in the third quarter following the consolidation with Cosmos. For the first nine months, CCBG revenue rose 13 percent to P29.6 billion.

The packaging group's sales revenue in the third quarter exceeded year-ago levels by 14 percent to P4.3 billion. Its glass and plastic businesses registered volume increases of 9 percent and 64 percent, respectively. Operating income grew 50 percent to P778 million. For the first nine months, revenue rose 17 percent to P13.3 billion while operating income grew 66 percent to P2.2 billion.

The San Miguel Pure Foods Group contributed revenue of P10.4 billion in the third quarter, up 8 percent from last year while year-to-date consolidated revenue registered a 7 percent improvement to P29.5 billion.

With rising selling prices particularly for poultry and dairy products, operating income in the third quarter improved significantly to P481 million from the P258 million in the first half. Year-to-date operating income amounted to P739 million.

San Miguel expects Christmas-related consumer spending in the fourth quarter to lift net income this year and hit its P7-billion profit target.

La Suerte workers turn to Congress for help

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue has turned down the request of the employees of La Suerte Cigar and Cigarette Factory to defer the implementation of the new taxes on "sin" products such as cigarettes.

Ester Manangan, president of the Nagkakaisang Manggagawa sa La Suerte, said their next move would be to begin lobbying in Congress for the passage of a more acceptable bill on excise taxes to supersede Revenue Regulations No. 22-2003, which would increase taxes imposed on La Suerte's products by as much as 400 percent.

According to Manangan, BIR Commissioner Guillermo Parayno Jr. said during their meeting last Wednesday afternoon that the BIR could not defer the implementation of the new tax rules as it was obliged to realign taxes on cigarette products and to increase revenue.

She said Parayno advised the group to just go to Congress and lobby for the immediate passage of another bill realigning "sin taxes" or wait for a court decision on La Suerte's case questioning the legality of the revenue regulations.

La Suerte is fighting hard to stop the BIR from implementing the new tax rules saying that it might cause the company to close down, since its main products Memphis and Astro cigarettes would become too expensive compared to competing brands.

This is because RR 22-2003 only covers "sin" products introduced after 1996, thus, creating an unfair playing field, according to La Suerte.

Parayno explained that the BIR could not impose the new tax on the old cigarette brands because the Tax Code, which was revised in 1996, does not allow for pre-existing brands to be covered by new tax rates.

Manangan disclosed that La Suerte has already scaled down operations since Sept. 24 due to the uncertainties over the new excise tax rule.

La Suerte has decreased production to 100 cases of cigarette packs per day from the usual 1,000 to 2,000 cases, and has reduced work operations to only two or three days a week, resulting in lower take-home pay for employees.

The Parañaque Regional Trial Court earlier barred the BIR from implementing RR No. 22-2002 but the temporary restraining order will lapse next Tuesday, allowing the BIR to start collecting the new taxes.

ERC allows Meralco supplier to operate Batangas plant

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE ENERGY Regulatory Commission has given First Gas Power Corp., an independent power producer of the Manila Electric Co., the go-ahead to operate its 1,000-megawatt Sta. Rita power plant in Batangas for the next five years.

ERC Chair Manuel Sanchez said FGPC's certificate of compliance brings to 36 the number of IPPs and "self-generating" firms that have passed health, safety and environmental standards set by the government.

"Our country needs more power generation companies to meet the growing need for new sources of electricity," he said. "The ERC grants the COCs to ensure the safe and efficient generation of power."

Aside from FGPC, the ERC also issued COCs to the following:

- PNOC Exploration Corp., supplier of Isabela Electric Cooperative, with its 3-MW natural gas-fired plant in Isabela;
- Northern Mini Hydro Corp., supplier of National Power Corp., with 10 MW in Bakun, Benguet;
- Island Power Corp. of Napocor's Small Power Utilities Group, with its 7-MW oil-fired plant in Occidental Mindoro;
- Tarlac Power Corp., supplier of Tarlac Electric Inc., with an 18.6-MW oil-fired plan in Tarlac City;
- Hydro Electric Development Corp., supplier of Napocor and several distributors, with a total of 26.21 MW in Benguet and 1 MW in Davao City;
- Zilog Electronics Philippines Inc., with a 3.31-MW diesel plant in Parañaque City; and
- Orient Semiconductor Electronics Philippines Inc., with a 4.3-MW diesel plant in the Light Industry and Science Park in Laguna.

The ERC last week awarded COCs to seven IPPs and self-generation entities including two of PNOC Energy Development Corp.'s Mt. Apo geothermal power plants Kidapawan City with a combined capacity of 95.25 MW.

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2003	BMW 325i Exec	Titanium Silver	Gray Leather	9k	2,350,000.00	
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1997	BMW 316i	Alpine White	Black Fabric	60k	680,000.00	
1996	BMW 523i	Arktis Silver	Black Leather	80k	1,350,000.00	Sale Pending
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DISCLOSURES

ARANETA Properties Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Nov. 24, 10 a.m. at the Turf Room of Manila Polo Club, Makati City. Stockholders of record as of Sept. 30 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

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FORTUNE Cement Corp. clarified that it would invest P700 million for plant upgrade and of this amount, P400 million would be for capital equipment, P260 million for technical efficiency and P40 million for environmental improvements.

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GINEBRA San Miguel Inc. declared a cash dividend of P0.375 per share in favor of stockholders of record as of Dec. 5 to be paid on Dec. 22.

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CITYLAND Development Corp. will launch its high-rise condominium called Cityland Makati Executive Tower 2 in Barangay Pio del Pilar, Makati City.

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KEPPEL Philippines Marine Inc. disclosed that Charles Yap Giok Twee continued to own one share of the capital stock of the company which qualifies him to be a director of the company.

Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

CURRENCIES

November 7, 2003 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.874049	1.000000	55.252000
Japan	Yen	0.007954	0.009100	0.502800
United Kingdom	Pound	1.463421	1.674300	92.508400
Hongkong	Dollar	0.112527	0.128742	7.113300
Switzerland	Franc	0.638692	0.730727	40.374100
Canada	Dollar	0.655308	0.749738	41.424500
Singapore	Dollar	0.501981	0.574317	31.732200
Australia	Dollar	0.621083	0.710581	39.261000
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.318495	2.652590	146.560900
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.233074	0.266660	14.733500
Brunei	Dollar	0.500544	0.572672	31.641300
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000103	0.000118	0.006500
Thailand	Baht	0.021933	0.025094	1.386500
UAE	Dirham	0.237985	0.272279	15.044000
Euro	Euro	1	1.144100	63.213800
ArgentinaPeso	0.306147	0.350263	19.352700	
Brazil	Real	0.305826	0.349895	19.332400
Denmark	Kroner	0.134448	0.153822	8.499000
India	Rupee	0.019303	0.022085	1.220200
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.230044	0.263193	14.541900
Mexico	New Peso	0.079655	0.091133	5.035300
New Zealand	Dollar	0.540504	0.618391	34.167300
Norway	Kroner	0.121225	0.138694	7.663100
Pakistan	Rupee	0.015275	0.017476	0.965600
South Africa	Rand	0.126308	0.144509	7.984400
Korea	Won	0.000739	0.000845	0.046700
Sweden	Kroner	0.110789	0.126754	7.003400
Syria	Pound	0.020811	0.023810	1.315600
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025737	0.029446	1.627000
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000548	0.000627	0.034600

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ty for erring companies would be the inability to raise funds when they need it the most," he added.

Market discipline, he said, would offset what remained a weak enforcement of laws in the Philippines.

Other panelists in the corporate governance discussion were Edward Fleischman, former commissioner of the United States' Securities and Exchange Commission; Kim Joo Young, executive director of the Center for Corporate Governance in South Korea; Peter Lau, chair and chief executive of Giordano in Hong Kong; and Vickie Tillman, executive vice president of Standard & Poor's.

INTEREST RATES

November 7, 2003
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Benchmark Interest Rates	MART1 7-Nov-03	MART1 6-Nov-03
1 Month	6.5077	6.4433
3 Months	6.5417	6.4554
6 Months	7.6269	7.5075
1 Year	8.3885	8.2714
2 Years	9.075	9.025
3 Years	9.8	9.7633
4 Years	10.2077	10.1883
5 Years	10.5462	10.5133
7 Years	11.1654	11.1339
10 Years	11.3327	11.31
20 Years	11.7846	11.685
25 Years	12.1727	12.07

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL
MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of ROXAS HOLDINGS, INC. (formerly, CENTRAL AZUCARERA DON PEDRO) will be held on 26 November 2003, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel, Makati City, Metro Manila. The agenda of the meeting is:

I. Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of stockholders held on 27 November2002;
II. Presentation and approval of the Annual Report to Stockholders for the year ended 30 June 2003;
III. Ratification of all acts and resolutions of the Board of Directors and Management;
IV. Election of the Board of Directors;
V. Election of External Auditors;
VI. Other Matters;
VII. Adjournment.

The Board of Directors has fixed 15 October 2003 as the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of and vote at the annual stockholders' meeting. Accordingly, only stockholders as of said date shall be entitled to notice and vote at the meeting.

If you will be unable to attend the meeting but would like to be represented thereat, you can send your proxy to the Office of the Corporate Secretary on or before 21 November 2003. Registration for the meeting will start at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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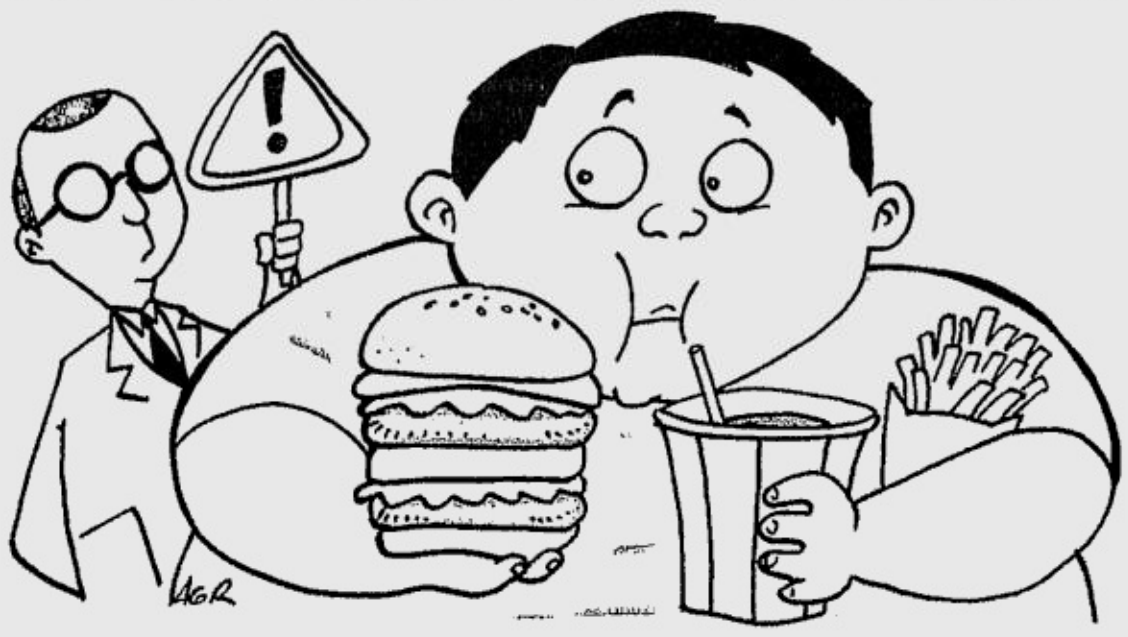
Frantic effort to battle the bulge

By Charles E. Buban



IF THE WORLD seems to get smaller every day, it could be due to the growing number of obese people. According to the International Obesity Task Force (IOTF), 1.7 billion people worldwide are overweight or obese.

The London-based organization, which collaborates with the World Health Organization in fighting obesity around the world, warned that the prevalence is rising to epidemic proportions at an alarming rate in both developed and developing countries.

It said obesity rates have risen to 300 million this year from 200 million in 1995.

In some countries, the rates have more than doubled during the past two decades: that of the United States shot up to 31 percent today from 14.5 percent in 1980, while that of the United Kingdom leaped to 23 percent from a low 8.5 percent in 1980.

The Philippines currently has a 3 percent rate of obesity, the IOTF said.

Global standard

The global standard for identifying whether someone is overweight or obese is known as the body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing a person's weight in kilograms by his height in meters squared.

A normal BMI is from 23 to 24.

People are usually categorized as overweight if they have a BMI equal to or greater than 25; those who have a BMI of 30 or greater are considered obese.

Weight-related deaths

Attention has been focused on the increasing prevalence of obesity and overweight because these conditions pose a major risk for serious weight-related or diet-related noncommunicable diseases, including diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease, hypertension and stroke, and certain forms of cancer.

"There are many health consequences of being obese, ranging from nonfatal complaints such as respiratory difficulties, trouble moving around and losing self-confidence, to more serious complaints that lead to an increased risk of premature death, including noninsulin-dependent diabetes, cardiovascular problems and even cancers," said Dr. Gary Sy, medical director of Life Extension Medical Center.

WHO estimates that more than 115 million people suffer from obesity-related problems. Its World Health Report 2002 said more than 2.5 million weight-related deaths occur annually worldwide. This is estimated to rise to five million by 2020.

Expert recommendations

Many of the deaths attributed to chronic diseases are due to risk factors that could easily be prevented, like high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, low levels of physical activity and obesity.

The Independent Expert Report on diet and chronic disease says the quality of fats and oils in the diet, as well as the amount of salt consumed can also have an influence on cardiovascular diseases such as strokes and heart attacks.

According to the WHO, chronic diseases are not only caused by overeating but also by having an unbalanced diet. It noted the effect of high salt consumption on increasing blood pressure and of saturated fats on high levels of cholesterol.

Advice on diet

The report, commissioned by the WHO and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), gave the following advice on changing one's daily nutritional intake and increasing one's energy use:

- Reduce energy-rich foods high in saturated fat and sugar
- Cut the amount of salt in the diet
- Increase the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables in the diet
- Undertake moderate-intensity physical activity for at least an hour a day.

The Independent Expert Report urges governments to aim for dietary guidelines that are simple, realistic and food-based. It cited Finland and Japan for having actively intervened in the diet and nutritional behavior of their populations, resulting in dramatic decreases in risk factors and plunging rates of chronic disease.

Eating too much? Blame this gene

PARIS—An abnormal gene that stimulates hunger is a cause of overeating and obesity among many people worldwide, researchers say in a study, opening new perspectives on preventing and treating the growing problem.

A team of Franco-British scientists carried out the research on about 1,200 French people, roughly half of whom were seriously overweight and half were not.

GAD2 gene

The study shows that a gene identified as GAD2 acts by speeding up the production of a neurotransmitter in the brain. When that transmitter, known as Gaba, interacts with another molecule in the hypothalamus in the brain, people feel a craving for food.

The researchers said some have a more active form of the gene, in turn building up more Gaba in the brain.

Stimulus to eating

This suggested that the "overaccumulation of Gaba drives the stimulus to eat further than normal, and is thus a basis for explaining why obese people overeat."

"Genetic factors alone cannot explain the rapid rise in obesity rates in the world, but they may provide clues to preventive and therapeutic approaches that will ease the health burden associated with obesity," said Philippe Froguel from Imperial College and Hammersmith Hospital of London.

Screening program

"Having identified this gene, it may be possible (in the next years) to develop a screening program to identify those who may be at risk of becoming obese later in life, and take effective preventive measures," said the senior author of the study, carried out at the Pasteur Institute in Lille, northern France.

Scientists compared the genes of 576 obese and 646 normal weight adults, and discovered two different forms of the GAD2 gene.

One type of the gene was protective against obesity, while a mutated form increased the risk that someone would become severely overweight.

The research was published in the Public Library of Science Biology. *AFP*

Tito Mijares: man behind the national census

Queena N. Lee-Chua

RARE is the scientist who ventures beyond his specialty, and in so doing affects the world in which he travels more than he ever dreamed possible.

Tito Mijares, Ph.D., not only had varied interests, but he rigorously pursued each of them. He received his bachelor's degree in meteorology from the University of California at Los Angeles (Ucla) in 1947, and two years later, his bachelor's in electrical engineering at the National University in Manila. In 1958, he obtained a master's degree in statistics from the UP Statistical Training Center, and four years later, a doctorate (in the same discipline) from Harvard University. He also took courses in economics at Yale University, and in math at Columbia University, Ucla, Yale and UP.

First career choice

Interestingly, his first choice of career was medicine, and before World War II he actually got a scholarship in pre-medicine at the University of San Agustin.

He worked for a while as a meteorologist in the Weather Bureau, but it seemed that statistics would be his life calling. Under the guidance of renowned statistician Dr. K.C. Sreedharan Pillai, he was able to make discoveries in multivariate analysis of variance, which were eventually published in prestigious journals such as Annals of Mathematical Statistics and Biometrika.

Brilliant administrator

Academic success was not to be his sole legacy. Unlike the stereotypical scientist, Dr. Mijares was a brilliant organizer and administrator. In a conference held in honor of his 80th birthday, his student Tess Abad described the initial phases of his work:

"Prior to Dr. Mijares' appointment as executive director of the then Bureau of the Census and Statistics (BCS), there were no regular (plantilla) regional, provincial, municipal census/local civil registrar offices and positions. Census operations and a good part of civil registration were mostly done on ad hoc arrangements. But [such arrangement] on a national scale to put vital information that is at the heart of all national development plans and programs was unacceptable to Dr. Mijares.

"To actualize his vision, he insisted on creating regular budgetary provisions during the preparations for, conduct of, and processing of the 1970 Census of Population and Housing."

Efficient data collection

Dr. Mijares' most significant contribution lay in national census operations.

"It was during his stint as executive director of the BCS, which later became the National Census and Statistics Office, that his greatest impact on official statistics and statisticians was strongly felt—he successfully organized a regular and efficient nationwide data collection system.

"His distinguished leadership paved the way for: a) conceptualizing, designing, conducting and managing census operations in population (1970, 1975, 1980), agriculture (1971, 1981), industry and economy (1967, 1972, 1977), fisheries (1971, 1981); b) all annual and quarterly surveys and monthly prices; and, c) social surveys on labor force, income and expenditure, demographic and health surveys and the integrated national survey of households."

Active in international and national affairs, Dr. Mijares authored a plethora of books and research papers and received various awards. He was also one of the first 10 Academicians of the National Academy of Science and Technology.

Ready to help

But Dr. Mijares' friends remember him most as someone always who was ready to help. At the same conference in his honor, monetary whiz Dr. Vicente Valdepeñas Jr. gave the following tribute:

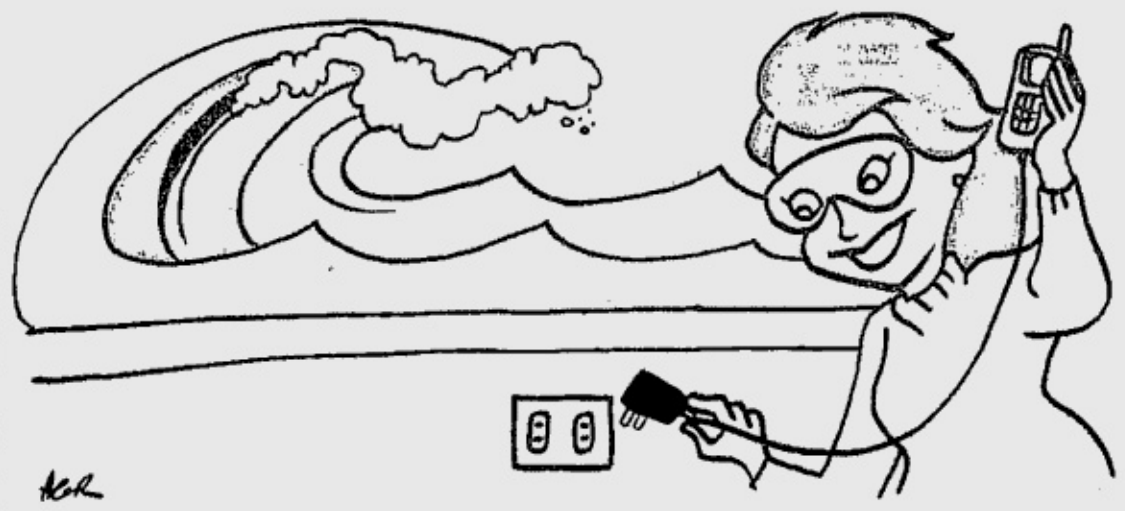
"In the spring of 1966, I wrote to the BCS for inter-industry data that I could use for the doctoral dissertation I was preparing for the department of economics at Cornell University. The subject of my dissertation was effective protection of Philippine industries. In his reply, Dr. Tito Mijares said the data I was requesting remained to be generated. He went on to say that he would be glad to work with me in organizing an inter-industry (input-output) table of the Philippines.

"So I left Ithaca, New York that summer. For the next two years, Dr. Mijares and I worked strenuously at producing a 29 by 29 input-output table of the Philippines, using 1961 as the base year.

Sunday meetings

"In the course of these two years, he would invite me to his house on Sundays at San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, to review the coefficients that were emerging in our inter-industry matrix. He would invite that late Dr. Federico Sioson of the department of mathematics of the Ateneo de Manila University to check the consistency of our inverse matrix. After several rounds of iterations, Dr. Sioson reassured both Dr. Mijares and I that we got the right inverse for our inter-industry matrix. It was eventually published in the April-June 1968 issue of The Philippine Statistician."

Born a day after Christmas in 1922, Dr. Tito Mijares passed away last Aug. 18 in Quezon City.



Water power

Massie Santos Ballon

COMMON sense and various TV shows will tell you that water and electricity do not mix. A person who happens to be in a bathtub often dies of electrocution when a plugged-in clock or toaster falls into the water.

So when a friend said that, in theory, you won't be harmed if the radio falls into a tub of distilled water because the latter doesn't carry a charge, I was fascinated enough to find out if it was possible.

While I wouldn't recommend actually trying out that experiment, the water purification process does apparently get rid of all the minerals and "impurities" that make water a good conductor.

Separating charges

This is not the case with tap water, salt water or deionized water however. There are negatively charged electrons lurking under the positively charged surface layer of these "impure" water.

If you run the water at high pressure through really, really, really small (think a tenth the width of a strand of hair) positively charged channels, the positive and negative charges are separated and the water becomes "charged."

That last idea was how mechanical engineers Daniel Kwok and Larry Kostiuk generated an electrical current and made headlines around the world.

Water into electricity

Two weeks ago, the Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering published a paper written by these engineers from the University of Alberta in Canada about a new way to convert water into electricity.

Hydroelectric dams convert water into electricity by converting the water's potential energy into mechanical energy, and then converting this into electrical energy. In other words, some energy is lost or used up during the first conversion.

On the other hand, Kwok et al. say, "batteries and fuel cells...directly convert chemical energy into electrical work."

The fewer conversion steps involved would mean more electricity on hand to keep cell phones and digital cameras going like the Energizer battery bunny.

Plus, using water-powered batteries means never having to worry about batteries exploding in flames or poisoning the environment after being discarded.

More progress

Since the paper was originally written in April, Kwok et al. have progressed far beyond their documented research.

Originally they only managed to generate a current measured in nanoamperes, or a few thousandths of an amp. Compare that to the number of amps a light bulb uses. To compute the amps, look at the bulb's packaging and divide the voltage by the watts (how much power is used, or why your electricity bill is so high each month).

In the six months since the paper was written, the scientists have managed to power up light-emitting diodes (LEDs) by forcing water through more channels.

That Kwok et al. chose LEDs is significant because LEDs are considered better than conventional light bulbs. You can find them lighting up digital displays in cell phones, microwave ovens, clocks, traffic lights, and even the giant TV in New York's Times Square.

Because they don't have filaments that have to be warmed up before light can be produced, the bulbs don't get hot and can last up to 100,000 hours, which means lower lighting costs and less electricity consumption.

It's estimated that 20 percent of the world's electricity consumption is for lighting; imagine what that number could be if everyone had LEDs. Imagine how environment-friendly our energy consumption would be if we didn't have to rely so much on fossil fuels.

The catch

Something this good must have a catch, right? Sadly, yes.

Kostiuk says that although "this discovery could be a new alternative energy source to rival wind and solar power, [it] would need huge bodies of water [for it] to work on a commercial scale."

Although water has to be forced through microscopic channels to generate electricity, this technology would probably work better on a larger scale to make sure enough pressure is exerted to force the water through the really small channels, to make sure there are enough channels such that a significant amount of electricity is generated to make it worthwhile, and to make sure no one ends up electrocuted by their own leaking cell phones, cameras or laptops.

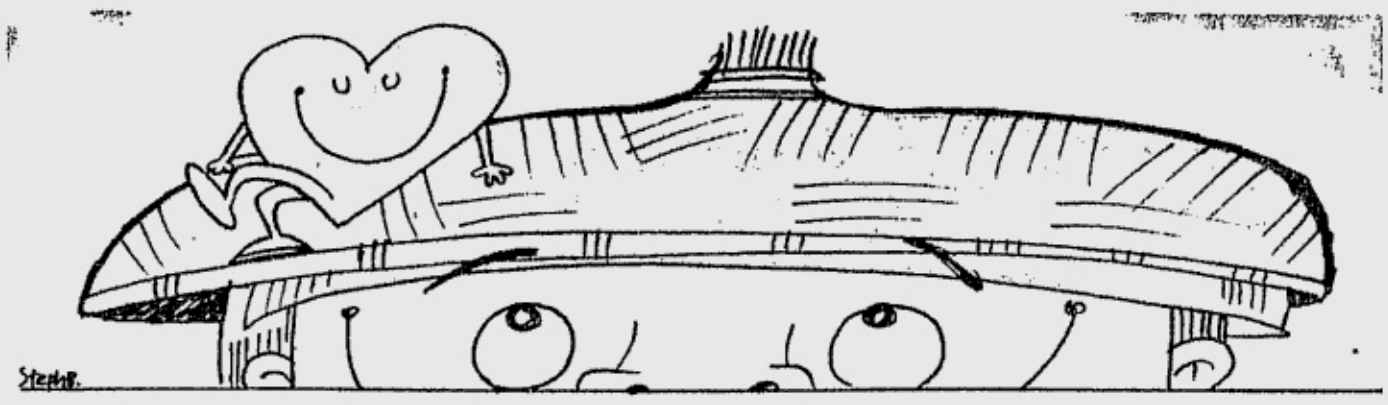
Countries with coastlines could benefit greatly from this technology.

Oceans could one day act as generators for desalination plants, making us doubly obligated to the salty waters for providing us with electricity and drinking water. Consider that an added incentive to take care of this precious natural resource.

(E-mail the author at massie@massie.com.)

Filipinos to join worldwide heart drug trial

By Tessa R. Salazar



CARDIOVASCULAR disease (CVD) has consistently been the country's No. 1 killer disease for more than a decade now. It holds captive a large number of Filipinos' lives—many of them patients with previous heart attacks or strokes, diabetics especially in the presence of other risk factors such as high blood pressure, hypercholesterolemia, obesity and smoking.

Medical experts lament that CVD remains the leading cause of death worldwide despite effective therapies to manage individual CVD risk factors.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is the most prevalent of the risk factors for heart disease. It is estimated to affect one billion people worldwide. In the Philippines, 22 percent of the population is hypertensive.

Among the hypertensive patients in the country, almost nine out of 10 have uncontrolled blood pressures, making them good candidates to develop heart attacks and strokes.

What's worse is that majority of them have no symptoms and don't even know they have high blood pressure.

Landmark trial

The good news is that something is being done to improve the survival of high-risk patients.

Two pharmaceutical companies are pooling resources to sponsor a landmark cardiovascular protection trial aimed at optimizing cardiac care for patients at risk.

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) is teaming up with Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) to co-sponsor the Ongoing Telmisartan Alone in combination with Ramipril Global Endpoint Trial (Ontarget) Program, described by its organizers as the world's largest cardiovascular protection trial using an angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) which will enroll over 29,000 patients.

Filipino patients will be included in the study.

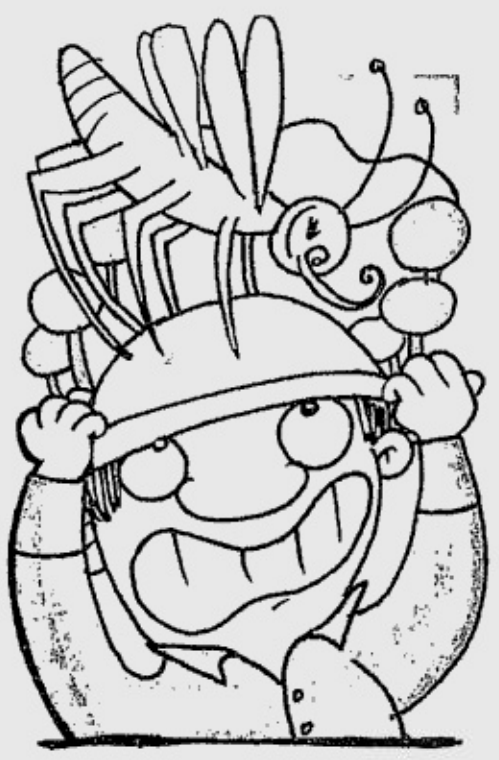
Dr. Dante Morales, president of the Philippine Lipid Society and one of the Filipino doctors invited to take part in the trial, said he was confident that they could apply the findings of the trial to Filipino patients.

The study will examine the preventive effects of telmisartan, either alone or in combination with the ACE inhibitor ramipril, on stroke, heart attack, cardiovascular death and hospitalization due to congestive heart failure.

The Ontarget Trial Program includes Telmisartan Randomized Assessment Study in ACE-I Intolerant Subjects with Cardiovascular Disease (Transcend). Transcend is a substudy which aims to determine if telmisartan is effective in reducing the risks of CVD. It will also establish whether or not cardiovascular outcomes can be improved among patients intolerant of ACE inhibitors.

Planning to travel to a 'malarious' area?

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD



SEVERAL years ago, a friend who was always itching for adventure went camping somewhere in Mt. Makiling. A few days after he came back to the city, he was burning with fever. Laboratory tests showed that he had malaria. The next two weeks were a most unpleasant experience for my friend who only wanted a little bit of adventure and a good vacation away from it all.

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He was actually lucky because it could have been worse. In some cases, the malarial bug invades the brain and nervous system. This type of malaria can be really serious and fatal.

Malaria is not as uncommon as some think it is. It is one of the 10 most prevalent and deadly diseases in the world. It is a parasitic disease spread by the bite of the Anopheles mosquito which is active between dusk and dawn. Medical journals report that 300 million to 500 million clinical cases occur every year, and a death rate of 1.2 million to 2.7 million has been noted.

Most parts of RP

It's good that Africa is not our usual travel destination as 90 percent of malaria cases occur in the sub-Saharan part of the continent. However, experts on infectious diseases say one can get malaria from practically all parts of the world.

Most places in the Philippines (except for a few provinces in the Visayas) are considered as potential places where people can get bitten by the malaria-carrying mosquito.

Even in Sydney, a favorite tourist destination, around a thousand cases of malaria are reported each year.

So when you're traveling, you're really never totally safe from malaria.

Symptoms

Malarial symptoms can occur after eight days following an infected bite. The principal symptoms are flu-like in character—fever, malaise, headache, muscle pains, chills and sweats. It can be misleading and present as a respiratory or gastrointestinal illness. Some cases are not diagnosed early enough and may cause serious complications such as hemolysis, or bursting of the blood cells, leading to severe anemia, failure of the kidneys, heart and liver and swelling of the brain (cerebral malaria).

One should suspect that he might be infected with malaria when he has high-grade fever with chills after coming from a trip especially in an area where an encounter with the Anopheles mosquito might have been possible.

Doctor's evaluation

One should immediately consult a doctor if fever develops. The doctor should be informed where the patient has been to help the doctor evaluate whether it's a potential area for any mosquito or insect-spread disease.

The doctor usually requests for some screening tests in the blood, usually a blood smear or a blood film examination. It's preferably taken at the height of fever and chills, but some malaria experts claim it doesn't really matter.

Some types of malaria may develop late. The very dangerous falciparum malaria usually occurs within three months after the trip, or longer. So it may not even be associated with one's travel.

If severe signs and symptoms are present, it's best to confine the patient in a hospital so he could be given the proper dietary and hydration support and be closely monitored since some malaria cases can get from bad to worse in just a few hours.

Drugs that are effective in curing malaria are now available and as long as diagnosis is made early and treatment is promptly implemented to prevent kidney, heart and liver failure, the overall outlook for the malaria patient is generally good.

Prevention

Prevention is still the best bet against this potentially deadly disease.

Taking some anti-malarial drugs before embarking on a trip has been recommended. But one should not depend on medications alone to prevent malaria.

Avoidance of mosquito bites is still one of the best means of prevention. The use of mosquito nets and repellant sprays may help prevent malaria and other mosquito-spread diseases such as dengue as well as other diseases spread by insects.

Since escaping mosquito bites during one's travel is not feasible and no preventive or prophylactic drugs are completely effective, a traveler will just have to accept the fact that he may contract malaria especially if he's adventurous enough to go to some places where it is prevalent. Hence early diagnosis and treatment is essential.

Boehringer Ingelheim opens new plant

BOEHRINGER Ingelheim has inaugurated a new biopharmaceutical production plant at the company site in Biberach, Germany during a ceremony attended by Germany's Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. The production facility for manufacturing innovative biopharmaceuticals represents one of the largest single investments of the Boehringer Ingelheim Corp. and of Europe's biotech industry. More than 255 million euro has been invested in the project, which created more than 400 new jobs in Germany.

The new high-tech plant will double production of biopharmaceuticals and serve strategic importance for Boehringer Ingelheim's worldwide bio-business. With almost 2,000 employees in development and manufacturing of biopharmaceuticals worldwide for therapeutic proteins, monoclonal antibodies, single chain antibodies and gene therapeutics, Boehringer Ingelheim ranks among the world's leading biotech corporations in the world.

Five of the most internationally successful biopharmaceutical products are currently manufactured by Boehringer Ingelheim for itself and third parties such as Amgen, InterMune, MedImmune, Schering AG and Wyeth. Projects from Boehringer Ingelheim's R&D centers as well as from key clients are also being developed and scaled up in Biberach.

Leadership in biotechnology

The ambitious large-scale project was completed in just less than 36 months. More than 200 companies worked on the 32-meter high building. A total usable space of 11,000 square meters is available on six upper floors and two basements. Some 70 km of piping, 18,000 cubic meters of concrete, 2,700 tons of steel, and about 800 km of cable were used in constructing the building.

Said Dr. Hans-Juergen Leuchs, head of corporate board division operations and of corporate board division animal health: "More and more new biologic entities play a major role in the worldwide pharma business. With this investment realized in record time, Boehringer Ingelheim strengthens its leading position in the development and manufacture of biopharmaceuticals.

"For more than 25 years, Boehringer Ingelheim has been a pioneer in the field of modern biotechnology. It is with great pride that today we inaugurate our new biotechnical manufacturing facility which will be the basis for maintaining our worldwide leadership in this technology," said Prof. Rolf G. Werner, director of corporate division biopharmaceuticals at Boehringer Ingelheim International.

Dr. Wolfram Carius, vice president for biopharmaceuticals at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG in Germany, said "Boehringer Ingelheim is a reliable partner with excellent biopharmaceutical production know-how which is respected around the world. Boehringer Ingelheim will further develop its own New Biological Entities' pipeline, but will also aim to remain the partner of choice for our clients for development and manufacturing of biologics. The opening of the new facility is another significant milestone on this way to operational excellence."

John Mitchell, senior vice president of Pfizer Inc. and president/team leader of Pfizer Global Manufacturing said: "Pfizer is looking forward to continuing its partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim in the field of biopharmaceuticals. We are very satisfied that, thus far, our common goals have been met. In the future, we anticipate that our development and manufacturing collaboration with Boehringer Ingelheim will result in the supply of innovative new products to the market."

Doubling production capacities

The doubling of capacity in Biberach, where the corporation's German R&D Center is also located, now enables the corporation to use twelve 15,000-liter fermenters for its biopharmaceutical production. The expansion greatly strengthens the firm's leading position. It is one of the few corporations worldwide that can provide the entire biotechnical process chain in early development and large-scale commercial manufacturing from genetic engineering, formulation, downstream processing to fill in and finish state-of-the-art application systems as well as worldwide registration and marketing of biopharmaceuticals, for both itself and third parties.

The corporation operates a second biopharmaceutical production facility in Vienna with production based on microorganisms such as *Escherichia coli* and yeasts. This plant will employ about 460 people by the end of this year. It is also doubling its biopharmaceutical production capacities to use two 6,000-liter fermenters when the expansion will be in operation in 2005.

Proper hydration vital to healthy, active lifestyle

EDUCATING children on adequate hydration is as important as encouraging them to engage in physical activity and observe proper nutrition and balanced diet for them to develop and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

Adequate intake of water and other beverages is essential to maintaining hydration, especially among children who actively engage in strenuous physical activities.

Fluid intake

Top pediatricians and nutrition experts say consuming fluids is equivalent to eating five servings a day of fruits and vegetables.

Proper hydration is essential for the cells to perform all of the critical functions of the body and this can be attained by simply picking the beverage of their choice.

This results in a number of benefits, including a feeling of increased energy and better physical performance and, generally, better living.

Thus, parents need to make sure their children get adequate fluids every day, especially while playing or engaging in regular physical activities. Taking in cool fluids at regular intervals during exercise also protects their health and optimizes their performance.

Proper hydration

While an ordinary child needs at least 64 ounces or eight glasses of fluids a day for proper hydration, a physically active one needs to consume more.

Kids also need to be encouraged to drink before, during and after engaging in any form of physical activity to prevent dehydration or heat illness.

However, there is a need to regulate a child's drinking by properly pacing his fluid intake rather than waiting for him to complain of thirst as this is not an accurate measure of a child's need for fluid.

Experts reveal that by the time a child says he is thirsty, he may already be dehydrated.

The importance of observing proper hydration cannot be emphasized enough. Like all living bodies the human body cannot function properly if its is deprived of adequate liquid. One can survive without food for days as long as he has a regular fluid intake.

CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS, ANYONE?

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It is everyone's dream to stay healthy and live longer and the passport to achieving this is to stay fit. Cardiovascular fitness, to be more specific, is defined as the state of appropriateness and healthiness of the heart and blood vessels to maintain life and physical well being. Avoiding the proverbial coronary risk factors like smoking, overweight, hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol and sedentary lifestyle is well accepted but the question is – how knowledgeable are we? The best way to stay fit is through "diet and exercise". Maintaining ideal body weight and sufficient physical activity are the keys to cardiovascular fitness.

Crash diet: A "yoyo" weight reducing program

Losing weight is an added boost to good health. Most dieters, however, end up with failing grades. Losing weight is not as simple as skipping one or two meals a day to get rapid results, otherwise known as the "crash diet" technique. The body is a dynamic but automatic machine that churns and burns fuels from food to produce energy. Skipping meals will create a negative feedback mechanism in the cells to slow down metabolism. In effect, the body will accumulate fats and in exchange, will tap the muscle protein to provide those needed ATP's for energy. The net effect of crash dieting is weight loss BUT due to muscle protein loss, visceral fats accumulate within. While the lost pounds make crash dieters temporarily happy, the long term result is greater and more rapid weight gain due to the accumulated fats and rebound appetite. When the desire to lose weight again arises, the "crash diet" is again done and the vicious cycle continues, thus, the "yoyo" effect.

Proper way to lose weight is through balanced nutrition & adequate water intake

Dieting without proper nutritional support causes muscle loss and increased body fat making it more difficult to lose weight in the future. One has to consume 3,500 calories to gain 1 pound and likewise, one has to burn 3,500 calories to lose a pound. Together with exercise, losing extra pounds should be done through intake of less carbohydrates and fats and more of fibers with adequate protein, particularly from vegetable sources like soy. In addition, one has to drink six to eight 8-oz. glasses of water a day to help flush away the waste and toxins from the body.

Let's exercise to life, not to our demise

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Sports Medicine recommend an increase in professional and public awareness of the health benefits associated with daily physical activity, even of moderate intensity. However, more intense and vigorous activities are likely to provide additional benefits, according to them and this is best done through exercise training. Ideally, medical evaluation should be obtained before entry into an exercise training program. Exercise testing should be routine for persons with risk factors, known or suspected cardiovascular disease before beginning an exercise program. Those with cardiac disease should be medically supervised.

Exercise can either be beneficial or risky

Exercise has both risks and benefits and our aim is to minimize risks and maximize benefits. Of the many factors that affect exercise risk, the 3 most important are age, presence of heart disease and intensity of exercise. Those above 40 or with heart disease should undergo medical evaluation first and a prescribed exercise program should be followed. In the absence of screening, intense exercise such as jogging among healthy and cardiac patients is associated with greater incidence of sudden cardiac arrest compared with other activities. On the other hand, proper implementation of exercise programs and prescriptions of any intensity, cause reduced mortality compared to sedentary groups.

Determine your risk classification and learn to avoid pitfalls

Determining your risk classification is a sure guide to know the most appropriate exercise training suited for you. You belong to Class A (Apparently Healthy Individuals) if you are asymptomatic with no known heart disease. Activity guidelines require no restrictions except for medical evaluation if you are a >45 year-old male or a >55 year-old female. Individuals with known cardiac disease but stable (Class B- low risk with vigorous exercise, Class C- moderate to high risk) would require medical evaluation, ECG, stress testing and BP monitoring. Class D individuals have unstable disease with activity restriction.

Cardiovascular fitness is everyone's desire. We all aim to prevent than to treat a disease as it affords better outcome and cost effectiveness. After modifying the coronary risk factors, our mission in life is to stay healthy and disease-free; and our vision is longevity and good quality of life. Let's stay fit, not fat. Let's diet and exercise to that!

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For more product information and demonstration of the latest Casio KLK keyboards, you may visit your nearest appliance center or the Casio Music Circle at the 2nd level of City Center Building in Greenhills, San Juan (tel. no. 705-1519). The Casio Showrooms are located at SM Southmall in Las Piñas (tel no. 806-6521), SM City Cebu (tel. no. 032-2330793) and at SM Lucena (tel. no. 042-373-1755).

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Alice Peacock at The Podium

AMERICAN alternative-pop artist Alice Peacock will have an exclusive mall performance at The Podium today, at 4 p.m. A joint project of Sony Music Entertainment and Astroplus in cooperation with The Podium, the event will be part of the artist's Philippine promo tour.

Since she launched her self-released CD, Real Day, Alice has earned high critical acclaim, established a national touring presence, and won herself a major label recording deal. She has also been compared by critics to such luminaries as Joni Mitchell, Sheryl Crow, Shawn Colvin, Ricky Lee Jones, and Mary Chapin Carpenter, and reflects the influence of rockers like Neil Young and Tom Petty. Alice nevertheless is clearly her own woman with a trademark voice style, and song sensibility of her own.

Her latest self-titled album gathers influences from pop, rock, and folk into something greater, and the songs speak to the listener with the sweet and smart voice of a dear friend. The sound is both modern and rooted in a rich musical past. Alice's hit songs Bliss and I'll Be the One are currently on maximum rotation in all high-end radio stations.

Released under the Columbia/Aware label, Alice Peacock features such famed

ALICE Peacock

friends she made over the course of her recent past, as Indigo Girl Emily Saliers, Aware/Columbia labelmate John Mayer, singer-songwriter Kristen Hall, new folk icon John Gorka, and drummer Charley Drayton (known for his work with Keith Richards, The Divinyls, and The B-52's, among others).

While she rose to musical prominence just a few years back, Alice's musical background extends almost to the cradle, and her knack for creative communications is all but generic. Musical and dramatic pursuits run back in Alice's family to her grandparents.

Raised in a family of six children in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, even as a toddler, she was consumed by the music from her transistor radio, her father dubbed her Radio Free Alice. She was weaned on folk music, old time string band and bluegrass. The family was usually tuned to the eclectic mix heard in public radio, and later teethed on everything from 1970s singer-songwriters to Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones.

Although Alice played piano and sang while growing up, she followed the family's dramatic bent at Lawrence University and studied theatre. After graduating, Alice spent time in Los Angeles, where she appeared in national TV commercials, and San Francisco, where she was a back-up singer in the house band at Slim's, the famed showcase club owned by Boz Scaggs.

At this time, she opted to try her luck in Chicago, the central city of her Midwestern homeland, where she started playing open mics, studied guitar, and eventually formed a band. Here, she started writing with Nashville rock and roots songwriters as Tom Littlefield and Angelo, and eventually record Real Day. The rest, they say, is musical history.

Catch Alice Peacock at The Podium today at the second floor activity center.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OPENS FACILITY IN SAN JUAN

In line with its vision of supporting the total development of the Filipino youth, The Children's Library (TCL) a multi-media learning center, inked a Deed of Donation with the San Juan Municipality for the opening of a TCL corner at the San Juan Public Library. In photo (sitting, from left) San Juan Municipal Library officer-in-charge Rosario Rangasajo, Mayor JV Ejercito, and TCL managing director Joan Cosico. Standing (from left) San Juan librarian Grace Perono, "Booklat," TCL's mascot, TCL operations manager Noreena Ricafort and TCL project development officer Pamela Celino. The Children's Library (TCL), a project of the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation, has recently expanded its reach to make its facilities accessible to more children in the metropolis.

VANUATU OFFICIALS VISIT MFI

Meralco Foundation Institute (MFI), in coordination with Tesda, played hosts recently to a group of senior officials and leaders from government and private sectors from Vanuatu. Leading the mission is the Minister of Youth Development Training, Raphael Worwor, to observe the various TVET related programs of the institute. The group is shown in photo while watching MFI's Rommel Tejada doing a demo at the Scada laboratory of the school. Also in photo are MFI's Marge Mendanilla (standing, 3rd. from left), school head; and Manolo Santos (standing, 2nd from left), assistant head; Mindy Villegas and Nelia Sandoval, planning office staff of Tesda; and Geoffrey Hurley (standing, 4th from left), British consultant in international manpower development who served as guide of the group.

JAY-R AT TRIUMP AWARDS

Triumph International (Philippines) Inc recently honored its top dealers during its 1st Trimestral Dealers Assembly (TDA) 2003 held recently at the Westin Philippine Plaza. The show was a fun-filled entertainment extravaganza and awards ceremony aptly dubbed 'Masaganang Triumph Bayan!' hosted by Janelle So, Paolo Trillo and Hans Montenegro. Highlights included special performances by the Masculados, R&B Prince Jay-R, Tootsie Guevara and the Sexbomb Dancers. The dealers also took part in the pulse-pounding 'Laban O Bawi' portion where P10,000 was given away as the top prize. Photo shows Jay-R serenading the Triumph dealers.

Campbell's Chef on Campus Tour begins

KIDS love to cook. Just ask any child who has attended a cooking class or has helped her mom bake cookies in the kitchen. All that mixing, stirring, spreading and pouring is enough to keep their little hands busy for hours. Not to mention the tasting that they get to do in between.

That's why Campbell's, the number 1 condensed soup in the world, has organized its Chef on Campus Tour. It's a cooking class brought to the different campuses around Metro Manila. It hopes to encourage the students to become more interested in cooking and apply what they've learned at home. This cooking lesson also shows that Campbell's Soup is more than just soup. It may also be used as an ingredient to make your everyday dishes more tasty and exciting. Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup is a huge favorite here in the Philippines. And aside from its extensive line of condensed soups, Campbell Soup Company is also the maker of such brands as Prego Spaghetti Sauce, Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Swanson Broth and Kimball Sauces.

The recipes included in the Chef on Campus Tour are: Cheesy Mushroom Soup, Campbell's Creamy Mushroom Casserole, Linguine with Ham and Mushroom, Rigatoni with Baby Shrimps, Chicken Macaroni Soup, Campbell's Mushroom Burger, Tuna Penne with Olives, Tagliateli with Tuna, Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Curry.

The schools to be invited are: Colegio de San Agustin, Miriam College, St. Scholastica's College-Manila, St. Scholastica's - Marikina, OB Montessori - Annapolis, Elizabeth Seton, Southville International School, St. Paul - Pasig, Colegio de Sta. Rosa - Makati, St. Benedict, Assumption College, Paref Woodrose and Poveda Learning Center.

The cooking classes will be supervised by Campbell's guest chef Melissa Sison. She is a veteran of various cooking schools and courses both here and abroad. She was voted by the Philippine Daily Inquirer as one of Manila's Top 5 Bravest Chefs in 1999 and Most Promising Chef in 2000.

FACES AND SKIN CARE

Faces is Federation of Aesthetics and Cosmetics Enhancement Society. It is the association of the Philippines' best skin specialists. Skin experts like Dolly Di Paolo, Tess Manglit, Ellen Lising and others banded themselves together to ensure professionalism in their ranks as they promote a healthy skin. Recently, Fiona Tuck, a renowned skin care specialist flew all the way from Australia to share new skin ideas to the group. Tuck, an expert from the International Dermal Clinic showed Faces a new and more scientific approach of, among others, acne treatment. The convention which was held at the Rockwell club was participated in by top facialists of the country.

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Moving Feasts now available at Eastwood

MOVING Feasts, the popular collection of delicious home meal replacement food, is now available to office employees in the Eastwood City business complex in Libis, Quezon City. Casa Mia is a new food outlet put up by young couples Johann and Coco Josef and June and Kim Velasquez primarily to distribute the well-known packaged Moving Feasts brand. It is located at Unit B of the Rod Taylor Bldg. behind the Culture Club and beside Pizza Hut, all of which are in the immediate vicinity of and walking distance to the Eastwood City. To order, call 683-0925 at least an hour before the desired delivery.

PAG CONDUCTS MEDICAL MISSION

The Public Affairs Group (AFPRescom) recently conducted a massive medical, dental optical, deworming, milk and nutritional feeding operation in Barangay Bagong Nayon, Antipolo Rizal wherein almost 4,000 indigent patients were treated. Shown in picture are TSgt. Lumen Balganion PAF and Tsgt. Loretta Velacruz distributing eyeglasses in the optical section.

CALTEX 'WIN WHEELS BABY WIN' WINNERS

Seven people were instantly brand-new Mitsubishi Adventure Super Sport owners last Oct. 10 when Caltex held its 'Win Wheels Baby Win' grand draw at Eat Bulaga. The lucky winners are Edwin Magpayo (Caloocan City), Jesus Telig (Pasig City) Alano Clabson (Benguet), Tirso Andagan (Cebu City), Sonia Erazo (Iloilo), Luzviminda Asod (Sulu) and Cecile Dagayloan (Zamboanga del Norte). A total of P250,000 worth of cash prizes were also given away to 50 lucky winners from all over the country. Photo shows (from left): Maru Sotto (Tape Office representative), Chris Aguilar (Caltex brand manager), Ickhoy de Leon (Caltex country brand manager) and Ginger Borja (Caltex brand assistant).

PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for security and janitorial services, supply and installation of horizontal blinds, steel shelves and conference/discussion system.

PARTICULARS	CONTRACT DURATION/AREA/QTY.	APPROVED BUDGET
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2. Janitorial Services	2/01/04-1/31/05 (47 janitors)	6,080,000
3. Vertical Blinds	9,191 square ft.	781,000
4. Steel Shelves	106 units	742,000
5. Conference/Discussion System	one (1) set	300,000
Source of Funding	2003 & 2004 Corporate Operating Budget	
Pre-bid Conference	November 21, 2003, 3:00 PM at the 9th Floor, PDIC Ayala Extension Office	
Deadline for the submission of Eligibility Requirements and Proposals	November 28, 2003, 1:00 PM at the 9th Floor, PDIC Ayala Extension Office	
Opening of Envelopes containing the Eligibility Requirements and Proposals	November 28, 2003, 1:30 PM at the 9th Floor, PDIC Ayala Extension Office	

The prospective bidders shall be allowed to bid for only one type of service, i.e., for security and janitorial services.

The Instructions to Bidders and the Terms of Reference shall be made available to interested bidders starting November 10 to November 20, 2003, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the BAC Secretariat, 9th Floor, PDIC Ayala Extension Office Ayala Avenue corner Herrera St., Makati City from Ms. Malou Francisco or Ms. Dhel Adote after payment of a non-refundable amount of P300.00 for each project to be bid.

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Int'l conference for volunteer managers

THE PHILIPPINE Association fo Volunteer Effort (Pave), an NGO, and the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), a government entity, will jointly host the 9th International Association for Volunteer Effort (Iave) Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Nov. 7 to 10 at The Manila Hotel. The theme of the conference is "Volunteerism: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges." It will show how the diversity of Asia Pacific cultures has a common thread which is volunteerism as a way of life for peace and unity. For reservations call Lynne Velacruz or Al Isles at 927-6851, 929-6376.

Gantimpala presents El Filibusterismo

GANTIMPALA Theater Foundation (GTF), in cooperation with the National Parks and Development Committee (NPDC), present Dr. Jose Rizal's El Filibusterismo, on Nov. 8 and 9 , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Saint Cecilia's Hall, Saint Scholastica's College, Vito Cruz, Manila. the performance runs for the whole month of November, in different theater venues namely AFP Theater (In Quezon City), RFC Theater (in Las Piñas City) and Cabuyao Theater (in Laguna). El Filibusterismo is the fourth production from GTF's 26th Theater Season. For more information, call the GTF marketing office at 899-5745 and 896-3503.

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Theater Now's La Casa...

THEATERNOW, in cooperation with the National Parks and Development Committee (NPDC), present La Casa De Bernarda Alba, which is slated on Nov. 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Studio 2 of the Concert at the Park Auditorium, Luneta, Manila. Special performances are also being scheduled at Tanghalang Huseng Batute at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Federico Garcia Lorca's La Casa De Bernarda Alba, which is translated into Filipino by the late National Artist for Theater Rolando Tinio, talks about a matriarch, Bernarda Alba and her daughters as they face a scandal that will test this family. For more information about La Casa, call GTF at 899-5745, 896-3503, 897-8075.

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PDI-Nov. 8, 15 & 22, 2003

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late REYNALDO AVILES & CARIDAD AVILES was settled by his heirs through an extrajudicial partition of rights as per Doc 327, Page 66, Bk LXVIII, Series of 2003 before Notary Public Primitivo C. Cruz of Tagug M. Mla. (PDI Nov. 1, 8, & 15, 2003)

SALE W/ ASSUMPTION OF MORTGAGE OF PARCEL OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENT AT SORO-SORO, BINAN, LAGUNA CONTAINING 180SQ METERS UNDER TCT NO. T-83677, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, CALAMBA, LAGUNA, EXECUTED BY DOMINADOR U. VILORIA, MARRIED TO ESTRELLITA B. VILORIA, IN FAVOR OF FLORANTE P. JOMOC, MARRIED TO CONCEPCION M. JOMOC, DOC. NO. 48; PAGE NO. 11; BOOK NO. V; SERIES OF 1982 NOTARIAL REGISTER OF FRANCISCO JOSE, JR NOTARY PUBLIC MAKATI. MORTGAGE SETTLED/PAID. INQUIRIES CONTACT ROSET ARANDIA 049-5625920 SSS SAN PABLO CITY
PDI-Oct. 25, Nov. 1 & 8, 2003

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Education through the National Science Teaching and Instrumentation Center (NSTIC) is inviting suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following batches:

Batch	Description	Approved Budget
A	Manufacturing and Door-to-Door Delivery of 550 sets of Basic Science Equipment and Supply of 550 sets of Glassware as Component of Basic Science Equipment to Division Offices	P 16,269,000.00
B	Manufacturing and Door-to-Door Delivery to Division Offices of 520 sets of Physics-Mechanics Science Equipment	P 20,659,600.00

All interested suppliers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) starting November 3 - 14, 2003 at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg. DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at http://www.deped.gov.ph.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **November 14, 2003**, 2:00 PM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on **November 28, 2003**, 10:00 AM at the place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary
Chairman, DepEd-BAC

(PDI—Nov. 1 & 8, 2003)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY

Contracting of Services for the Construction of Protected Areas (PA) Office and other structures ***under the "Samar Island Biodiversity Project (PHI/99/G31)"***

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) would like to invite interested contractors to apply for eligibility for the construction of the Protected Areas office and other structures under the "Samar Island Biodiversity Project (PHI/99/G31".

The project aims to protect a representative sample of the biodiversity of the Philippine archipelago by establishing the Samar Island Natural Park (SINP), a new protected area with an area of 347,000 hectares and a surrounding buffer zone of 123,000 hectares.

In view of the above requirements, the project will need contractors to corstruct the different PA structures of SINP.

The bidding will be a two-stage process, wherein interested contractors shall be pre-qualified during the first stage before they can join the actual bidding.

Requirements for Eligibility may be secured personally, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **Philippine Pesos One Hundred (PhP100.00)** from the following address:

Development Support Services Center
United Nations Development Programme
7th Floor NEDA sa Makati Building
106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier)
Tel. No. (632) 892 0611 local 386
Fax No. (632) 816-4061/893 2610
Email address: **bc_admin.ph@undp.org**

The abovementioned document will be released to all interested parties strictly from **8 to 14 November 2003** only.

UNDP reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer to the UNDP based on UNDP criteria. UNDP assumes no obligation or responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made for this Contract.

(Sgd.) **ETHELIND CAPUNO**
Manager, DSSC

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NOTICE

Please get in touch with the Members Assistance Center, Social Security System (SSS), East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City or at any SSS office nearest your place of residence and file your death benefit claim within 90 days upon publications, if you are:

	NAME OF BENEFICIARIES	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	NAME OF SSS MEMBER	DATE OF DEMISE
1)	Mary Grace V. Manaoag	Unknown	Michael S. Abara SS # 33-2522622-3	August 12, 1999
2)	Bella Baldo Adame	1074 Concepcion Aguila, Quiapo, Manila	Erlindo Adame SS # 03-2254889-7	August 26, 2003
3)	Emelita Ocampo Kristel Jane Ocampo Vincent Ocampo	Brgy. Calumeguin, Gumaca, Quezon	Esperidion Bahia SS # 33-1378335-3	September 3, 2001
4)	Eddie A. Bauto	#076 Sitio Victoria, Calinta, Rizal	Jocelyn B. Bauto SS # 33-0967677-6	March 25, 2000
5)	Sofio Bucad, Jr.	Unknown	Ramil D. Bucad SS # 33-6524302-0	April 16, 2003
6)	Luminda Dagson Victor Dagson Virginia Dagson Rowela Dagson	NIA-SLBIF, Ayala, Alabang, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila	Martes Dagson SS # 03-2332351-6	July 12, 2001
7)	Rosemarie Mordeno Ron Ron & Ren M. Dimacali	Unknown	Celerino L. Dimacali SS # 02-1291661-0	June 2, 2003
8)	Erminda Falcotelo Ereno	Unknown	Eugenio Ereno SS # 03-3083307-3	December 19, 2001
9)	Eliseo Fernandez	Iloilo City	Fernando A. Fernandez SS # 09-0267503-6	December 19, 1997
10)	Veronica P. Galeos	c/o San Miguel Corp. General Santos City	James F. Galeos SS # 09-0349678-2	June 15, 2003
11)	Josefina Gavino	1474 G. Masangkay St., Tondo, Manila	Rodolfo Gavino SS # 03-4620606-9	September 23, 2003
12)	Aniceto Goze, Jr.	Unknown	Emelita A. Goze SS # 03-1177521-5	September 21, 2002
13)	Agnes Bunag Teresita Grajo	Unknown	Vicente Grajo, Jr. SS # 03-2503829-4	September 13, 2001
14)	Apang B. Sahisa	Brgy. 21-C Piopi Blvd., Davao City	Mihing A. Julaine SS # 09-2212772-8	September 5, 2003
15)	Federico Leyva	Unknown	Valentino Leyva SS # 03-3636681-6	July 31, 2003
16)	Nestor Magallanes	554 Medicion 1st, Imus, Cavite	Genelita Magallanes SS # 33-5443786-9	November 7, 2002
17)	Arden Dela Paz	Unknown	Romeo C. Maraan SS # 03-1869308-6	July 1, 2003
18)	Marilou O. Aler	Unknown	Bienvenido Mascardo SS # 03-6257449-4	September 9, 2003
19)	Rosalie Nidoy	Unknown	Ludovico Nidoy SS # 03-1519593-0	June 2, 2003
20)	Jose Poras Paniza	159 Poblacion San Antonio, Nueva Ecija	Jonah P. Paniza SS # 02-1986871-6	June 10, 2003
21)	Conchita Peregrino	Tabon, Kawit, Cavite	Generoso C. Peregrino SS # 03-1266835-0	July 31, 2003
22)	Tarzela Piel Peregrino	Unknown	Jayson P. Peregrino SS # 33-5055800-5	November 17, 2002
23)	Manuelito Manuel	Unknown	Bernardita W. Pumakis SS # 33-1088926-4	May 12, 2003
24)	Aida R. Simon	Purok 2 Sto. Cristo, Guagua, Pampanga	Corazon Rescar SS # 03-4988759-9	August 26, 2002
25)	Roseminda, Marlon & Michael Sentillas	Tayaba, San Jose City, Nueva Ecija	Alex C. Samortin SS # 02-0428652-3	August 4, 2000
26)	Rowena Sentillas	Blk E-5 Lot 20 Brgy. San Mateo, Dasmariñas, Cavite	Danilo Sentillas SS # 03-4695028-3	July 19, 2002
27)	Armando D. Siega Gonzalo Remias	Unknown	Delfa Siega SS # 07-0229462-2	November 5, 2001
28)	Santiago Antop Sumading	Brgy. San Isidro, Manay, Davao Oriental	Diomedes C. Sumading SS # 09-0560155-9	December 20, 2000
29)	Rowena Torqueza Tamayo	Unknown	Nomer Tamayo SS # 01-1159832-0	April 16, 2003
30)	Erlinda Fernandez	Unknown	Fabian S. Zapanta SS # 03-1372011-6	July 19, 2003

(PDI - Nov. 8, 2003)

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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID

The Social Security System is inviting offers to purchase by way of sealed bids, the following properties, on December 4, 2003, 2:00 p.m. at the Asset Management Department, 5th Floor, SSS Bldg., East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City:

Item	Property Location	Description	Area (sqm)	TCT No.		Minimum Bid
1	EGI-Rufino Plaza, Taft Ave. corner Buendia, Pasay City	Office condominium with one parking slot				
1.1	Condo Unit 14-1D with parking		62.198	TCT 3659	P	3,771,614.80
1.2	Condo Unit 14-1E with parking		55.462	3660		3,417,301.20
1.3	Condo Unit 14-1F with parking		57.271	3661		3,512,454.60
1.4	Condo Unit 14-1G with parking		64.057	3662		3,869,398.20
2	Cattleya Homes Condominium R. Cruz St. Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City	Residential Condominium Ground floor with mezzanine				
2.1	Unit 114/C2		44.82	PT-34538	P	717,100.00
2.2	Unit 115/C2		44.82	PT-34539		717,100.00
2.3	Unit 116/C2		44.82	PT-34540		717,100.00
2.4	Unit 117/C2		44.82	PT-34541		717,100.00
2.5	Unit 118/C2		44.82	PT-34542		717,100.00
2.6	Unit 120/C1		44.82	PT-34543		703,700.00
2.7	Unit 121/C1		44.82	PT-34544		703,700.00
2.8	Unit 129/C1		44.82	PT-34545		717,100.00
2.9	Unit 130/C1		44.82	PT-34546		717,100.00
2.10	Unit 131/C1		44.82	PT-34547		717,100.00
2.11	Unit 132/C1		44.82	PT-34548		717,100.00
2.12	Unit 133/C1		44.82	PT-34549		717,100.00
2.13	Unit 134/C1		44.82	PT-34550		717,100.00
2.14	Unit 137/B		44.82	PT-34551		739,500.00
2.15	Unit 138/B		44.82	PT-34552		739,500.00
2.16	Unit 139/B		44.82	PT-34553		739,500.00
2.17	Unit 140/B		44.82	PT-34554		739,500.00
2.18	Unit 141/B		44.82	PT-34555		739,500.00
2.19	Unit 143/B		44.82	PT-34556		739,500.00
2.19	Unit 146/B		44.82	PT-34557		739,500.00
3	Dahlia St. Almar Subd. Camarin, Caloocan City	Residential Lots				
3.1	Lot 55-B		107	C-352943	P	428,000.00
3.2	Lot 55-A		107	C-352944		428,000.00
3.3	Lot 55-C		107	C-352945		428,000.00
3.4	Lot 55-D		107	C-352946		428,000.00
3.5	Lot 55-E		107	C-352947		428,000.00
3.6	Lot 55-F		107	C-352948		428,000.00
3.7	Lot 55-G		107	C-352949		428,000.00
3.8	Lot 55-H		107	C-352950		428,000.00
3.9	Lot 55-I		107	C-352951		428,000.00
3.10	Lot 55-J		107	C-352952		428,000.00
4	Lot 7 Blk 2 Parkridge Estate Subd., Phase 1 Bo. Mayamot, Antipolo, Rizal	526sqm residential lot covered by TCT No. R-48			P	2,047,500.00
5	Lot 414-E, Quirino Highway corner Seminary Road, Bagbag, Novaliches, Quezon City	13,296 sqm commercial lot with warehouse covered by TCT No. 158050			P	170,987,120.00
6	Lot 1, Barangay Ibayo, Marilao, Bulacan (adjacent to SM-Marilao)	23,135 sqm industrial lot with warehouse covered by TCT No. T-412108(M)			P	117,617,000.00
7	Lot 2 Psd 1-05088 Loakan Road, Baguio City	1,364 sqm commercial lot covered by TCT No. T-33471			P	20,732,800.00
8	Lot 99-B-2-B10-A Bo. Central, Sta Cruz, Davao del Sur	65,390 sqm rawland covered by TCT T-47838			P	15,039,700.00
9	Sangi, Toledo City, Cebu	Rawland				
9.1	Lot 4039-B Psd 07-045780		28,725	TCT T-1920	P	14,075,740.00
9.2	Lot 604		99,067	T-1514		48,542,830.00
9.3	Lot 4038		8,535	T-1794		4,182,150.00
9.4	Lot 605-B Psd 07-045135		69,158	T-1901		33,887,420.00
9.5	Lot 4044-A Psd 07-046274		3,655	T-1923		1,790,950.00
9.6	Lot 574-A Psd 07-034238		34,136	T-1540		16,726,640.00
9.7	Lot 590		1,150	T-1513		563,500.00
9.8	Lot 588		1,507	T-1531		738,430.00
9.9	Lot 4031 Cad 356-D		2,637	T-1793		1,292,130.00
9.10	Lot 587-B Psd 07-035763		60,474	T-1566		29,632,260.00
9.11	Lot 580-A Psd 07-038486		1,075	T-1607		526,750.00
9.12	Lot 4030-A Psd 07-049987		5,165	T-2240		2,530,850.00
9.13	Lot 4028-A Psd 07-045744		2,297	T-1914		1,125,530.00
9.14	Lot 142		19,215	T-1702		18,446,400.00
9.15	Lot 641		1,447	T-1541		709,030.00
9.16	Lot 572-A Psd 07-038548		72,161	T-1574		35,358,890.00
9.15	Lot 576-A Psd 07-045234		4,077	T-1815		1,997,730.00
9.16	Lot 575		5,460	T-318		2,675,400.00
9.17	Lot 694		3,154	T-1687		1,545,460.00
9.18	Lot 569		420	T-1701		760,200.00
9.19	Lot 171		1,572	T-1916		534,480.00
9.20	Lot 144		2,217	T-1512		1,252,605.00
9.21	Lot 145		714	T-1532		403,410.00
9.22	Lot 11633		13,575	T-1692		7,126,875.00
9.23	Lot 150-A Psd 07-033973		946	T-1536		430,430.00
9.24	Lot 583		360.38	T-2256		488,314.90
9.25	Lot 586-B Psd 07-037499		7,268	T-1594		3,561,320.00

General Guidelines:
1. Disposal of properties is on "As Is Where Is" basis. Buyers are enjoined to personally inspect the property and improvements thereon.
2. Bid proposal maybe in cash or installment for a maximum of ten (10) years at 15% interest/annum.
3. Bid proposal must be accompanied by bidders deposit, equivalent to 10% of the bid price in Cash or in Manager's/Cashier's check payable to the Social Security System.
4. For bid proposal on installment basis, Bidders shall submit proof of income.
5. SSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any defect found therein. All awards shall be subject to the approval of the Social Security Commission.

For information, bid forms and instructions, please contact Mr. Edgar Sandalo, Project Manager of Asset Management Department, at Telephone No. 435-98-75; 435-9877 or 920-64-01.

(Sgd.) ARTURO G. SAN GABRIEL
Chairman-Acquired Assets Disposal Committee

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commission, in its meeting of October 23, 2003, resolved to approve the amendment of **SRC Rules 68, As Amended**, through the inclusion of the following paragraph in **Section 2 (a)** thereof:

"2(a)(iv). When an enterprise has not adopted a new Statement of Financial Accounting Standard which has been published by the Accounting Standards Council but which has not yet come into effect, the enterprise should disclose the nature of the future change in accounting policy and an estimate of the effect of the future change on its net income or loss and financial position."

The foregoing shall become effective for audited financial statements beginning January 2003.

October 23, 2003, Mandaluyong City.

For the Commission:

(Sgd.) **LILIA R. BAUTISTA**
Chairperson

(PDI - Nov. 8, 2003)

National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS PIPES, FITTINGS, UNSERVICEABLE STATIONARY EQUIPMENT, JUNK HEAVY EQUIPMENT & SLUDGE OIL

"AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS

PUBLIC BIDDING DATE: NOV. 25, 2003 TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: MMD, NPC, DIL., Q.C.

The National Power Corporation will conduct a public bidding for the sale of the following:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	MINIMUM BID PRICE
SCHEDULE - I		
1.	One (1) Lot - Excess Pipe Casings, 319 pieces and Pipe Fittings, Nuts, Flanges, and Bolts of various size, length and thickness. Please see attached list and pictures with the Bid Forms. Located at MAKBAN GPP, BAY, LAGUNA.	P 3,010,300.00/Lot
2	One (1) Lot - Unserviceable Stationary Equipment, consisting of Twenty-Five (25) units, and Junk Heavy Equipment consisting of Two (2) units. Please see list and pictures with the Bid Forms. Located at PGI S/Y, NPC MAKBAN GPP, Barangay BITIN, BAY, LAGUNA.	P 850,000.00/Lot
SCHEDULE - II		
1	One (1) Lot - Sludge Oil, approximately 67,557 Liters. Located at NPC Tank No. 7, Bataan Thermal Plant, Barangay LUZ, LIMAY, BATAAN.	P 169,000.00/Lot

All bids must be submitted with the following:
1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S CHECK EQUIVALENT TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL BID PRICE.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN (2002) OF THE BIDDER OR FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMPANY (original or BIR certified copy).
3. FOR INTERESTED BIDDERS IN SCHEDULE-II; PREVIOUS DENR-EMB PERMITS AS WASTE OIL TRANSPORTERS/TREATERS.

All interested parties who wish to secure bid forms must present a valid Tax Identification Card or Income Tax Return. Bid Forms at P500.00/schedule may be secured from Mr. S.V. LOMUNTAD, Jr. at MMD, NPC Head Office, corner Agham Road and Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City or call tel. no. 924-5384. Deadline for issuance of bid forms is 4:30 p.m. November 24, 2003.

For the Materials Management Department:

(Sgd.) FELIX B. TACATA, JR.
OIC, MMD

(PDI - Nov. 7, 8 & 9, 2003)

PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE
Air Force Logistics and Support Command
Headquarters 420th Supply Wing
Clark Air Base, Air Force City
Angeles City, Pampanga

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC BIDDING

The PAF Disposal Committee will received sealed bids until 25 November 2003, 10:00 AM at Conference Room, 420th Supply Wing, PAF Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga for the sale of the following unserviceable properties on "As is Where is" basis

Lot Number/Description	Location	Min. Bid Price
01-249-020 One (1) SF-260 Aircraft Nr 703 and SF-260 Assorted Aircraft Carcasses	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanca, Pampanga / AETC, Fernando Air Base, Lipa City	P513,050.00
01-249-016 Assorted QM, Office & Eng'g. Equipment considered as junk	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanca, Pampanga	40,000.00

REMINDERS TO BIDDERS:
1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding.
2. To submit bid in PAF official bid form.
3. Earnest money is required in the form of cash or manager's check equivalent to (10%) of the minimum bid price is required.
4. To be on time. No bid will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commence.
5. Pre-bid conference and issuance of Bid Forms (P200.00 per set) will be on 18 November 2003, 2:00 PM at 420th SW Conference Room, Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga.
6. Inspection schedule will be from 10 - 18 November 2003, from 0800H to 1600H, Monday to Friday.

PAF DISPOSAL COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS FOUND THEREIN, AND TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PAF.

For details and schedule of inspection call Cpt. Roberto M. Pascua PAF at (045) 599-2015 loc 6524 or mobile 09197774040.

(Sgd.) RUBEN C ESTEPA
Colonel, PAF (JSC)
Wing Commander/Chairman
PAF Disposal Committee

(PDI – November 07, 08 & 09, 2003)

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of Angeles City, Pampanga & Quezon City

Peacefully joined her Creator on November 7, 2003 at the age of 93.

Her husband **Quintin (†)**; children **Boy** and **Tonette Cristi** and **Poppy** and **Tessie Mercado**; grandchild **Rianne** request her relatives and friends to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel 1, Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 9:00 AM Mass.

Always caring...

INQUIRER OBITUARIES

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❶ Copy of Death Certificate
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

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DR. TOMAS VARGAS NAGUIAT

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Sisters & Brothers:
Annie – Fred Gaoing, Tony & John
Jun – Olive Magno, Anthony & Patrick
Len – Joy Henson, Patricia, Isabel & Anda
Tina – Perry Magpoc, Arielle
Eri – Mayee Abijay, Bea, Benny & Bernice

request fervent prayers & special petitions for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the House of Many Mansions, MacArthur Highway, Angeles City, Pampanga.

Interment will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, following the 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass at the Holy Rosary Parish Church, Angeles City, Pampanga.

Rodolfo Bates Santiago
"Rod"

Died in the grace of our Lord on November 7, 2003

His loving wife
Zenaida Villongco Santiago

And his children, sons and daughters-in-law, and grandchildren
Chito and **Winnie** and **Johann** and **Ari Santiago**
Angelique and **Mark** and **Barbara** and **Amanda Giaimo**
George and **Lindy** and **Bea**, **Camille**, **Ging Ging** and **Santino Santiago**
Anton and **Sannie** and **Melyssa**, **Luke**, **Angela** and **Mark Santiago**
Marilen and **Rey** and **Mariana Bantug**
Adette and **Winston** and **Brian** and **Alessi Uy**

Join their relatives and friends in requesting the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Mt. Carmel Shrine in New Manila.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 9, 2003 following the celebration of the holy mass at 10:00 in the morning.

MERCEDES SANTOS DEL ROSARIO

of Pasig City

Peacefully joined our Lord on November 6, 2003.

Her loving children **ERIC** and **ARLENE**, **VIC**; grandchildren **SPANKY** and **PINCHY**; sister **DIDING MC CANN**; brother **TOTOY SANTOS**; cousins **NORA**, **MONINA**, **NELLY** and **ALICE** and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Capilla San Aemiliani at Arlington East The Garden Chapels, Pasig City.

Interment will be at Pasig Municipal Cemetery on November 11, 2003 (Tuesday) after 1:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Pasig Cathedral, Pasig City.

"Be you then also ready; for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come." Luke 12:40

In Loving Memory on the

6th Death Anniversary of our beloved Father,

MAYOR VICTOR R. MIRANDA

who joined his Creator on November 8, 1997.

Mass will be offered today, November 8, 2003 at the following:

Bacoor Memorial Garden, Bacoor, Cavite at 8:30 a.m.

National Cathedral of the Holy Child, Taft Avenue at 5:00 p.m.

Our sincere thanks to all those who incessantly remember our DAD in their prayers for the repose of his soul.

ROSETTE, VENG, GRACE AND TENG

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

Our Dearly Beloved

Capt. Jose Garcia Aherrera

(September 25, 1950 - November 5, 2003)

Is reunited with his Mother
JOSEFINA GARCIA AHERRERA
who passed away on October 2, 2003

His wife **CHONA**, children **CARLO**, **JOEY** & **LYLE**, brothers **JIMMY** & **BUBUT**, **JAKE** & **FE**, sister **JOCELYN** & **AUGUST**, relatives and friends request prayers for the eternal repose of their souls.

His remains lie in state at Luna Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park) Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39

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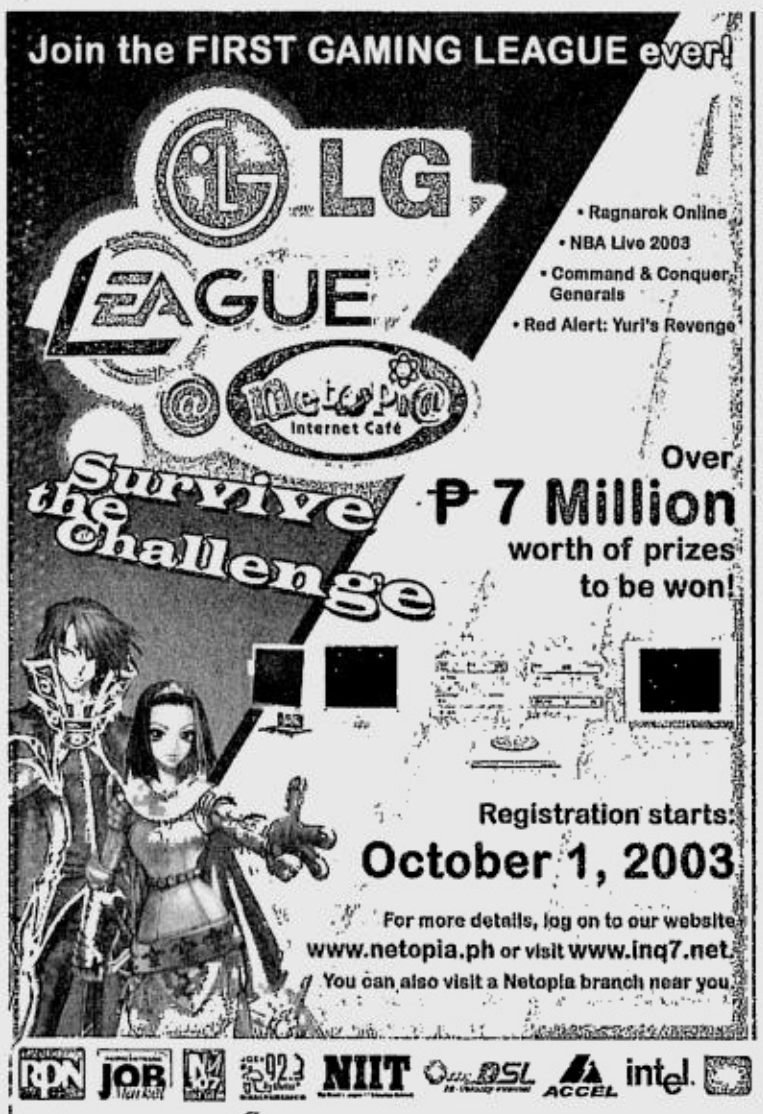

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(Sgd.) EMERLINDA R. ROMAN
Chancellor

(PDI – November 8 & 15, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
National Historical Institute
T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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APPROVED BUDGET : P3,772,076.40

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BUSINESS

Cement tax shield backed

LABOR, manufacturing and local government leaders expressed their support for the retention of the tariff relief given to the cement industry.

"We have learned during the WTO Ministerial Conference in Cancun, Mexico, that industrialized countries in Europe and in North America protect their own industries, and so should we," said Fair Trade Alliance (FTA) representative Ernesto Arrellano during a public consultation held Thursday by the Department of Trade and Industry.

"The FTA supports the decision of the DTI to impose tariffs to protect the local cement industry," said Arrellano.

Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) Secretary General Joseph Francia expressed support for the tariff relief on behalf of FPI's member-industries citing the continued threat of dumping.

Philippine Cement Workers Council (PCWC) Secretary General Sammy Eslava thanked Trade Secretary Mar Roxas for protecting local jobs, emphasizing that the tariff has improved the plant employees' working conditions and benefits, which helped improve the lives of their families.

Various suppliers of products and services to the cement industry said reducing the tariff now that there was excess capacity would result in plant closures.

Philippine Contractors Association (PCA) head Lito Madrasto asked the cement industry for a "rational pricing scheme" in order to better forecast price fluctuations and minimize their negative effects on the construction industry.

Edcel Lagman of the Cement Manufacturers Association of the Philippines (CeMAP) said " price stabilization is not price fossilization." He said that the Safeguard Measures Act did not prohibit companies from making reasonable price adjustments based on changes in the market and in their costs. He also assured the DTI and the public that cement companies would never abuse the granting of the definite measures and that cement will always be available at a reasonable price.

In the same forum, Japanese cement importer Southern Cross Cement Corp. objected to the retention of the tariff shield. He, however, asked for more time to detail his position.

Palay output up 20%

THE PHILIPPINES will post record rice production this year at 13.46 million metric tons and is expected to achieve rice sufficiency next year.

Agriculture Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo Jr. said that palay production in the third quarter surged 20 percent to 2.43 million metric tons (MT) compared with last year's level of 2.02 million MT, boosting hopes that yields for 2003 will surpass last year's level by at least 190,000 MT.

"We expect production in the fourth quarter to improve and this will be sustained in the first quarter of 2004 as we anticipate a 6-percent improvement over this year's level," said Lorenzo in a roundtable breakfast forum at the Manila Pavilion on Thursday.

Lorenzo earlier said palay production was expected to improve by 1.4 percent to reach 13.46 million metric tons (MT) this year, up by almost 190,000 MT from its 2002 level of 13.27 million MT.

"The second semester production is seen to soar 6.3 percent to 8.08 million MT, compensating for the loss incurred in the first half," said Lorenzo.

Christine A. Gaylican

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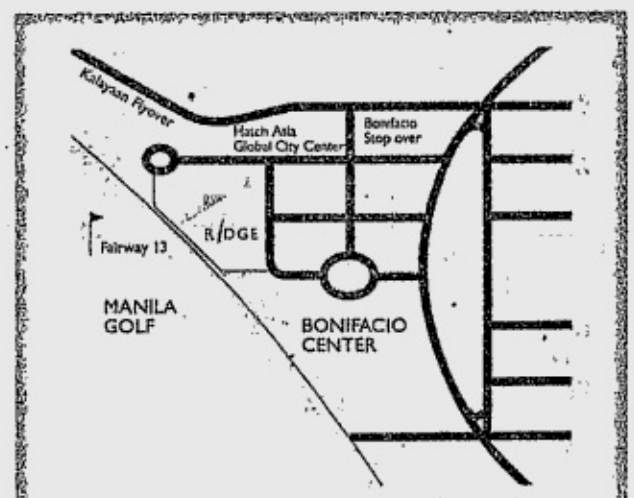

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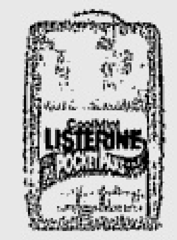

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Mariah Carey revives film career with three productions

CAREY. Keen interest in acting.

SHOW BIZ Q & A

Rito P. Asilo

FROM Cynthia Pamitan of Isabela: "I am so excited about Mariah Carey's visit to our country for a concert. Please tell me more about her. Will she be appearing in a new movie soon?"

Mariah Carey's concert at The Fort on Nov. 16 promises to be a memorable one, and it revives interest in the statuesque (5'9"), five-octave songbird.

A lot has been written about her rise to musical superstardom, but little is known about her keen interest in acting.

Movie debut

Her movie debut was a scene-stealing short role as one of Chris O'Donnell's would-be brides in the 1999 romantic comedy, "The Bachelor." Soon after, her solo-starrer, "Glitter," was mercilessly panned by critics. With a $22-million budget, it only grossed a dismal $4 million.

By then, Mariah had divorced former Sony chief Tommy Mottola, who was two decades her senior. After she was released from her Virgin Records contract, she went through a very public "personal and professional meltdown" aggravated by her father's passing. It included a four-month fling with Eminem, suicidal messages on her website, and her much-hyped appearance on MTV's "Total Request Live" where, clad only in a T-shirt, she handed out popsicles to the audience.

Her impromptu striptease had TRL host Carson Daly covering his eyes and asking her, "What are you doing?" A few days later, Mariah was admitted to the hospital, reportedly due to "exhaustion."

The striptease, during which Carey threatened to bare all, prompted TV critics to question the singer's sanity.

Ninth album

But, the release of her ninth album, "Charmbracelet," last December, Mariah proved that she was still a force to reckon with. The flop that was "Glitter" did not dampen her passion for acting. In fact, she wants to make her theatrical debut on a West End stage to recreate a role made famous by Marilyn Monroe in the movies.

The play is Terence Rattigan's "The Sleeping Prince"—adapted for the big screen in 1957 as "The Prince And The Showgirl," starring Monroe and Laurence Olivier.

MARIAH/ C3

Not a moment to lose for Crowe and Washington

CROWE. Plays a ship captain involved in the Napoleonic Wars.

WASHINGTON. Portrays a cop suspected of homicide.

ACADEMY Award-winners Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington have one thing in common in their upcoming seat-gripper movies: they have not a moment to lose to fulfill their duties.

Epic adventure

In the action-packed epic-adventure, "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," Crowe plays Capt. Jack Aubrey in the Napoleonic Wars—a time for seafaring bravery beyond the call of duty.

Aubrey receives orders to capture the vastly superior flagship of the French Navy, the Acheron. He is determined to undermine the Acheron's top secret mission to commandeer the British whaling fleet's valuable cargo.

However, all plans to pursue the buccaneers are halted when Stephen Maturin, Aubrey's trusted advisor and ship doctor, must operate on himself to save his life. Recuperating on the Galapagos islands, and indulging his botanical interests, they come up with a plan inspired by science to trap the Acheron. Their tactic succeeds beyond anyone's wildest expectations!

Suspense thriller

In the suspense thriller "Out of Time," Denzel Washington stars as Matt Lee Whitlock, chief of police in the small town of Banyan Key, Florida.

A hardworking man who's good at his job, he's respected by his peers and beloved by his community. But when Banyan Key is shocked by a brutal double homicide, Matt starts his investigation—and his life starts to unravel. As details of the case begin to surface, all of the evidence points to Matt as the prime suspect!

"Master and Commander; The Far Side of the World" sails into cinemas Nov. 19 and "Out of Time" unravels clues come December.

2003 Anak TV Seal winners revealed

By Nestor U. Torre

FOR several years now, the Southeast Asian Foundation for Children's Television has come up with a list of "family-friendly" shows, to which it annually grants its Anak TV Seal. This year, 45 programs have been cited.

Endorsements

These endorsements are meant to encourage youths, families, parents and educators to go out of their way to patronize these shows, rather than other, less wholesome programs.

The idea is to make the programs succeed both creatively and economically, so that they can continue to do good work, and thus prompt the production of other, similarly enlightened programs that can have a positive rather than negative effect on viewers, particularly the impressionable and vulnerable youth.

It's important to take this proactive stance, because so much of local TV programming has become so unhealthy in its effect on young viewers. For a number of TV seasons now, acceptable programming standards have often been junked because the major TV channels have been engaged in a ratings war "to the death."

Due to this TV war, the prime motivation now is to beat the competition at drawing the greatest number of viewers. Since the mass audience is perceived to love violence, sex, gossip, scandal, vulgarity and crime, this is what many TV shows today dish out, in spades—the less subtly, the better.

Adult viewers can "take" it, or they can simply decide to switch off the TV set. But young viewers are more vulnerable and less able to perceive the negative values that these shows promote, so they need to be protected from the irresponsible actuations of modern-day local TV, through selective viewing.

Negative values

It is their parents and educators' responsibility to guide children and adolescents in their viewing, and this is where the Anak TV Seal can be of great help. If parents and guardians use its recommendations as a guide, they can effectively weed out the shows that promote negative values and excessively exploitative content.

So, we urge heads of families to encourage their children to view: On ABS-CBN, "Epol/Apol," "100 Deeds of Eddie McDowd," "Maggie and the Ferocious Beast," "Rainbow Fish," "Math-Tinik," "Hirayamanawari," "Rolie Polie Olie."

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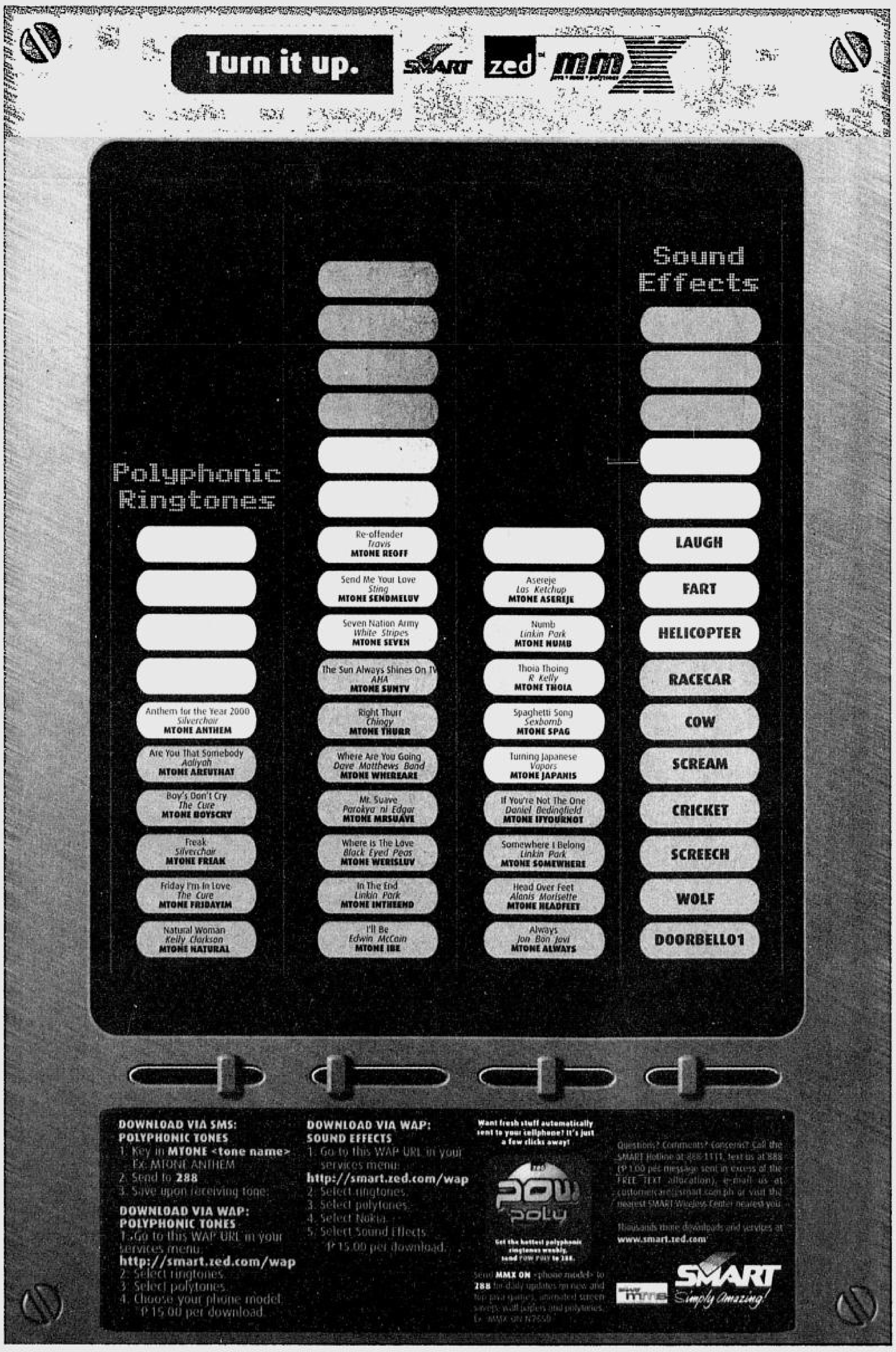

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Heartfelt send-off for Toti Fuentes

FUENTES. Performs in benefit concert on Nov. 10.

DO go out of your way to catch Toti Fuentes' farewell concert on Nov. 10 at Merk's Bar Bistro, at Greenbelt 3 in Makati. Toti is an internationally acclaimed composer, musical director and keyboardist who has performed with celebrities like Andy Williams, Bill Cosby and Aretha Franklin.

On the local music scene, he's worked with the country's top musical artists. Even better, he's gone out of his way to help young singers hone their talents.

Toti will be leaving for the Unites States for medical treatment on Nov. 12. Let's give him a heartfelt, grateful and healing send-off!

Toti's solo concert will raise funds for scholarships for poor children, and for the completion of the altar of the Our Lady of the Assumption church in Malate. Call 757-4721.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

'Digital LG Quiz' finals

Who will be this year's Grand Wizard in the popular quiz show for high school students, "Digital LG Quiz" (Sunday, 9 a.m., GMA-7)? Find out tomorrow as the program's four quarterly champions compete for the top plum of P1.5 million in cash and scholarships.

The finalists are Carmen Fernandez of OB Montessori Center, Miguel Karlo de Jesus of Manila Science High School, John Sithli Mendoza of Makati Science High School, and John Carlo Timbol of Philippine Science High School.

"Digital LG Quiz" is a production of GMA subsidiary Alta Productions and is directed by Pat Perez.

'Samsung AXN Challenge'

"The Samsung AXN Challenge" roars through the streets of Metro Manila today, with the racers heading from Fort Santiago to their final destination of Eastwood City, Libis, where a big celebration awaits the finishers.

Movies on TV

On HBO, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m., "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." 3:30 p.m., "Save the Last Dance." 7:15 p.m., "Spies Like Us." Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m., "The Golden Child." 11 a.m., "All the Pretty Horses." 8 p.m., "Glory." Nov. 10 at 10:30 p.m., "Avril Lavigne: Try and Shut Me Up Tour 2003." 11:50 p.m., "The Tailor of Panama."

Nov. 11 at 6:30 a.m., "The Masque of the Red Death." 2 p.m., "The Majestic." 10:30 p.m., "Sleepless in Seattle." Nov. 12 at 1:45 p.m., "Higher Learning." Nov. 13 at 9 p.m., "Cats & Dogs." Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m., "Little Secrets."

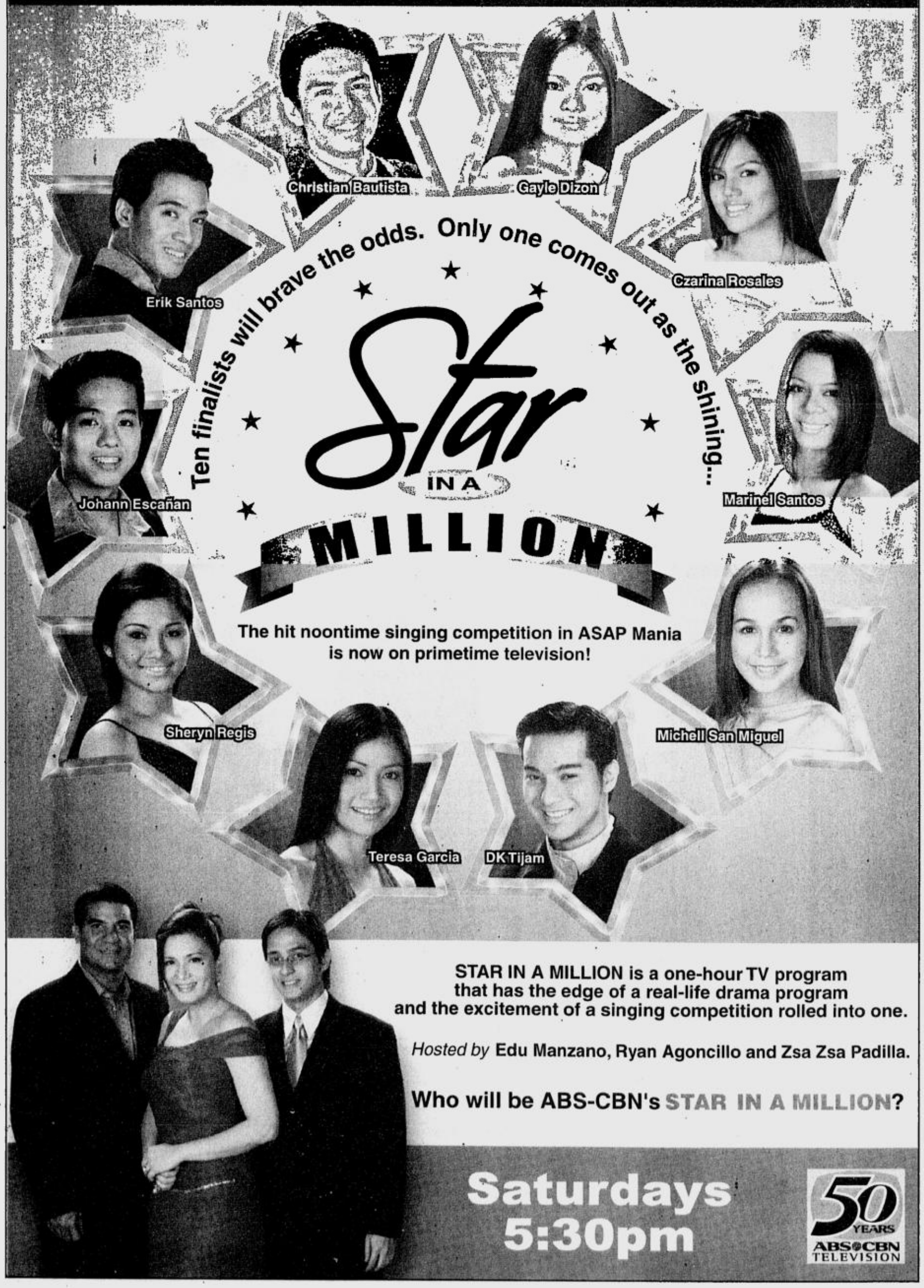
On Cinemax, Nov. 8 at 9:45 a.m., "Muriel's Wedding." 1:15 p.m., "The Bonfire of the Vanities." Nov. 9 at 12:30 p.m., "Hitler and I: Reflections of Evil." 9 p.m., "Hitler: The Rise of Evil," Part 1. 10:30 p.m., "Hitler: The Rise of Evil," Part 2.

Nov. 10 at 3:30 p.m., "Up Periscope." Nov. 11 at 8:45 a.m., "Do the Right Thing." 10:30 a.m., "Vertigo." Nov. 12 at 8 a.m., "Born on the Fourth of July." Nov. 13 at 12:45 p.m., "The Day the World Ended." Nov. 14 at 7:30 a.m., "Batman Returns."

Feedback

From Paul R. Mortel of Marikina City: "I prefer the old 'Game Ka Na Ba' over the new version because the former was exciting and fast-paced, while the latter tends to drag.

"On another subject: Do you know that the spiel of ABS-CBN News and Current Affairs, 'Kahit Saan, Kahit Kailan, Maaasahan' is the same spiel being used in GSIS's radio commercial?"



Focus on G.M. Anderson, the first cowboy star

By Behn Cervantes

ANDERSON. Viewers loved his signature screen character, Bronco Billy.

THE COMMERCIAL success of "The Great Train Robbery" resulted in the genre called the Western.

Popular climax

Train robberies became a very popular climax to those cowboy movies. The West was still an unknown frontier, so whatever most Americans knew about it was liberally mixed with fantasy.

The films usually ended with the good guys facing the baddies in an exciting shootout. However, westerns still lacked a central character. Before long, the oaters veered away from groups of good men and focused instead on the lone hero who took it upon himself to shoot it out with the bad guys.

Portly man

Interestingly enough, the first of such star-heroes was a rather portly actor named G.M. Anderson. He was only seen in a minor role in "The Great Train Robbery." But he was a quick study and an enterprising fellow. He learned to act, and then to direct.

He was forced to cast himself in the lead of the 1908 success, "Bronco Billy and the Baby," when he couldn't find the appropriate actor for the role. The audience appreciated his rugged, ordinary but amiable personality.

After that success, he decided to go into production, the better to act and direct vehicles to his liking. With some partners, he set up "Essanay," one of the most respected film studios at the turn of the century. The film industry was then mostly in the East. Anderson felt he should get the authentic locales that his films called for, so he set up his studio in California.

The resulting migration of the movie studios to the West resulted in greater production activity that eventually created the film capital now known as Hollywood.

Huge success

The huge success of the first "Bronco Billy" saga led to 500 one and two-reelers that Anderson churned out during his seven-year career. His films may not have been of the best quality, but they were immensely popular with the audience, which was fascinated with the new frontier.

Critics may well label his films as "B" westerns, but Bronco Billy established the cowboy movies' universal appeal. Small wonder that, in the '60s, Italy created a version known as the spaghetti western.

We don't need to look far in these parts, either. We have Fernando Poe Jr., whose possible presidential bid is based on his immense popularity as the lonesome cowboy out to right wrongdoings—a simple wish no different from that of "Bronco Billy," "The Lone Ranger" and "Shane."

'Extra Challenge' turns the tables on courtship

By Noelani Torre

WE are all aware of the ratings war ongoing between the country's two largest television stations. We've practically grown up on the products of that feud—the mutual copying, the buying off of stars, and the constant reworking and "updating" of show formats.

Bid

Recently, GMA-7 revamped its program, "Extra, Extra" (in a bid to out-rank the other station's popular show in the ratings). Now the show hosted by Paolo Bediones and Miriam Quiambao is called "Extra Challenge," and it has a new "Reality TV" label.

The reality format is an ongoing phenomenon on US television, and its sub-species, reality dating—"Joe Millionaire," "The Bachelor," "The Bachelorette"—have proven to be wildly popular. It is this version of reality TV that "Extra Challenge" adapted for its recent week-long feature, "Isang Linggong Pag-Ibig."

Like "Joe Millionaire," the feature had one bachelor, and several female contenders vying for his hand.

Unlike "Joe," however, our single guy was no pseudo-millionaire. He was just your ordinary telegenic kind of person, as were the girls fighting over him—and this abundance of not exactly brilliant personalities is probably why the competition, despite its novelty, failed to set off sparks with its audience.

Bland

The bachelor, Richard, was as dry as toast. Sure, he had the *mestizo* good looks that most TV stars and models have, but he was bland and expressionless (Keanu Reeves, anyone?). Good looks will only get you a few minutes, at most, of the typical jaded viewer's attention.

BEDIONES. As program host, he puts the contestants through their paces.

The six girls were pretty, but some of them seemed a little too out there in the brains department. And they were just a little bit pathetic, falling over themselves trying to please the guy.

This didn't sit too well with us. It wasn't totally the girls' fault—they were practically told that that's what they had to do in order to win—but it made everything appear false and even mercenary.

Plus, it was a regression to a pre-women's emancipation kind of thinking, which labels women as accomodators of men's wishes. It made for pretty dull watching, truth to tell, even with the added complication of the so-called challenges.

Emotional issues

They tried to spice things up with emotional issues, but they looked and sounded suspiciously hokey—like one of the girls' dilemma in the first installment we watched.

The girl was apparently being told by her mother and her ex to withdraw from the show because of a kissing scene (a tame one) between her and the bachelor. Her hyper-emotional phone conversations with them were shown, and they milked that little problem for all it was worth—which amounted to nothing much.

It looked and sounded staged, what with all the predictable crying, and the other girls playing the role of advisers and comforters while looking as though they were posing for a portrait.

Another weak point was the pacing—too slow! With such unexciting raw material to work with, the show's makers ought to have speeded things up.

As it was, we were struck with watching a *manghuhula* making safe, generalized predictions that didn't affect anything, and confessional scenes that served only to strengthen our suspicion that things were in fact being manipulated.

Ungallant gesture

One thing we really didn't like was the bachelor's unkind and ungallant gesture when sending an unlucky girl home: He took back the ring that he gave to her (and to the others) at the beginning of the show.

Come on, that's being unnecessarily cruel, and it makes the bachelor look like a total cad—not exactly the prize that a girl would like to win, after subjecting herself to all sorts of embarrassments on national television!

Mariah . . . From page C1

The play will open in March 2004 and is expected to run for four months. This is a fulfillment of a dream, as Mariah has long been a Monroe devotee. Four years ago, she paid $600,000 at an auction for Marilyn's white lacquered baby grand piano.

Waitress

Mariah is also making a cinematic comeback—in three films! She plays a trash-talking waitress willing to work for the mafia for financial gains in David Anspaugh's "Wise Girls," with Mira Sorvino.

Next, Mariah will appear as herself in Damon Dash's musical comedy, "Death of A Dynasty," where she will be seen with other R&B luminaries like Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, Dr. Dre and Jay-Z.

She will also topbill Jordan Brady's action-romantic comedy, "The Sweet Science," opposite Fil-Am actor Lou Diamond Phillips.

This promises to be her most challenging role to date. Mariah will play the role of—hold your breath!—a boxer who steps into the ring with real-life lady boxing champion Laila Ali, daughter of Muhammad Ali!

Personal life

Even Mariah's personal life seems to be on the upswing. She was recently spotted in Aspen having a romantic dinner with muscleman Vin Diesel. However, Diesel's publicist insists that the pair are just "friends" and that their "date" was for a practical reason: "Vin thought she could do a song for a film soundtrack." Reporters shoot back: At Mariah's log cabin after midnight?!

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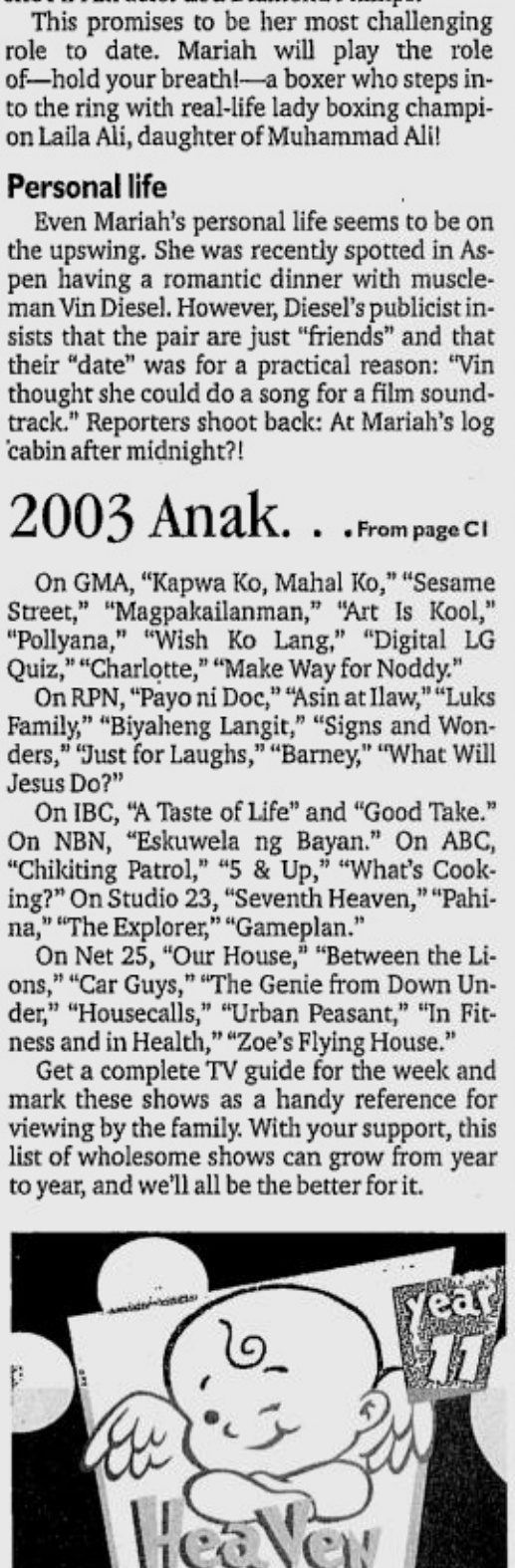
On GMA, "Kapwa Ko, Mahal Ko," "Sesame Street," "Magpakailanman," "Art Is Kool," "Pollyana," "Wish Ko Lang," "Digital LG Quiz," "Charlotte," "Make Way for Noddy."

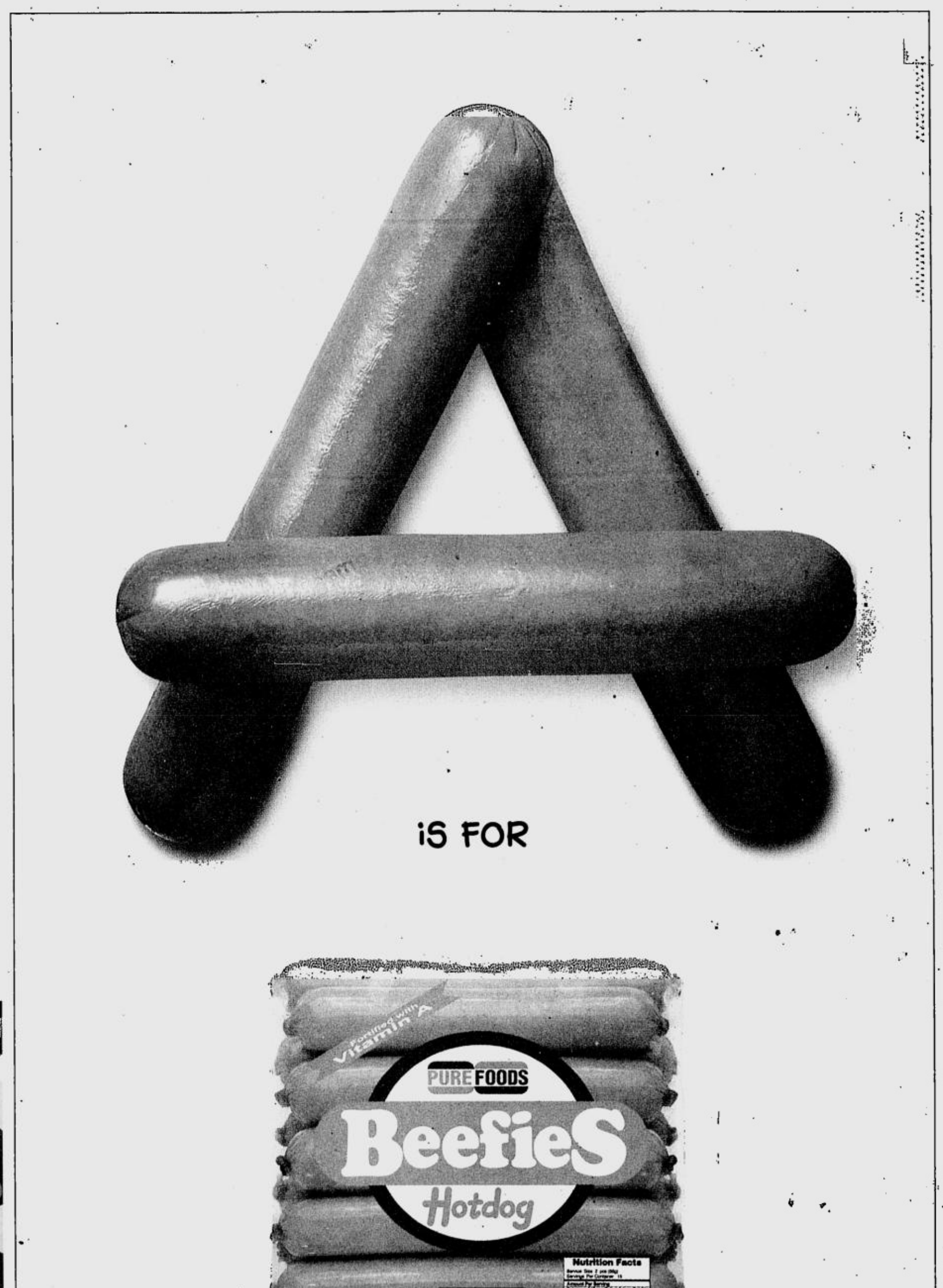
On RPN, "Payo ni Doc," "Asin at Ilaw," "Luks Family," "Biyaheng Langit," "Signs and Wonders," "Just for Laughs," "Barney," "What Will Jesus Do?"

On IBC, "A Taste of Life" and "Good Take." On NBN, "Eskuwela ng Bayan." On ABC, "Chikiting Patrol," "5 & Up," "What's Cooking?" On Studio 23, "Seventh Heaven," "Pahina," "The Explorer," "Gameplan."

On Net 25, "Our House," "Between the Lions," "Car Guys," "The Genie from Down Under," "Housecalls," "Urban Peasant," "In Fitness and in Health," "Zoe's Flying House."

Get a complete TV guide for the week and mark these shows as a handy reference for viewing by the family. With your support, this list of wholesome shows can grow from year to year, and we'll all be the better for it.





PARA SA MALINAW NA MATA.

SARAP AT VITAMIN A PANG-EVERYDAY!

Regine Velasquez goes 'a capella' in 'Voices'

By Mary Ann A. Bautista

LAST month, Regine Velasquez topbilled an intimate Crossover concert at the Mandarin Oriental with The Tux and Opera. What made the "Voices" show different was the fact that all of the songs were done *a capella*. The Tux and Opera provided the back-up vocals to compensate for the lack of instruments. They made use of vocal blending and harmony to keep each song interesting without overpowering Regine.

VELASQUEZ. Sentimental but not mushy.

Effortless

Cheers greeted Regine as she sang "Biggest Part of Me" and "Tuwing Umuulan." These songs were vocally demanding, but she made her performance seem effortless. She gave the songs a sentimental twist without being mushy.

Regine's version of "Dito Ba" was not as laid-back as Kuh's; it was more emotional and moving.

Doing "You Are My Song" *a capella* made it more powerful and romantic. The audience loved Regine's rendition.

She revealed her romantic side when she sang "On the Wings of Love," "Kailangan Ko'y Ikaw" and "Hanggang Ngayon." She kept her emotions in check and opted to be more laid-back in her interpretation. But the audience loved her pop version of the folk song, "Bakya Mo, Neneng."

Upbeat and lively

The audience sang along when she did "Dancing Queen." The Tux and Opera gave the number an innovative appeal because their voices kept the song upbeat and lively.

Regine got thunderous applause after singing "One Sweet Day," "Fall For You" and "Kailangan Kita." The audience loved it when Regine belted and stretched her vocal chords to their limit.

But the momentum was broken with "Yellow Cab," which failed to click with listeners, who gave it a lukewarm response.

She saved the best for last, and her final song and encore number, "What Kind of Fool Am I" and "Butterfly," bowled her audience over. She gave these concluding numbers a sad, bittersweet appeal that touched her fans to the emotional quick.

Why Barbara Perez nixed international stardom

By Nestor U. Torre

A RECENT article answered the P64 question, "Why did Barbara Perez say no to Hollywood?" The query refers to the time in 1962 when Barbara was tapped to co-star with Jeffrey Hunter in the American film, "No Man Is An Island."

PEREZ. Supreme romantic—and realist.

Film moguls

She was brought to Hollywood to promote the film,,and impressed film moguls there so much that she was offered a very tempting build-up contract as an international star.

That was big news in the Philippines, because Hollywood stardom was generally beyond the reach of most Filipino actors.

But Barbara floored everyone when she decided to turn down the tempting offer. The reason: Robert Arevalo had proposed marriage, and she chose a life of wedded bliss with him over possibly ephemeral international stardom.

So, that's the answer to the question, "Why did Barbara say no to Hollywood"—and a romantic answer it is, too.

But it isn't the complete story. Some months back, we interviewed Barbara for a book about Sampaguita Pictures (it'll come out next year), and she gave a more detailed account of the Hollywood chapter in her career. Excerpts:

Native girl

"'No Man Is An Island' opened up a whole new world for me. I guess they chose me because they thought I was right for the lead female character—she was a native girl who risked her life for Hunter's character—and because I spoke English.

"After the film was shot, I was invited to go to Los Angeles to promote the film. I wasn't prepared for the many activities they had lined up for me in Hollywood to generate a big buzz for our film.

"They explained to me that, since I was being introduced in the movie, people in the film business there were curious about me, so I should put my best foot forward, in the hope that more offers to act in international movies would come my way.

"I cooperated completely, and was immediately caught up in a seemingly endless whirl of activities. Being a movie fan at heart, I was excited to meet some popular Hollywood stars, like Sandra Dee, Marlon Brando and Cary Grant. In fact, Cary predicted that I would be asked to work with Universal-International!

"At the end of that unforgettable week, his 'prophecy' came true: I was offered a Universal contract—for five years!

Telegrams

The problem was, at that time my boyfriend, Robert Arevalo, was sending me telegrams asking me to marry him, and I truly loved him. If I signed the contract, our marriage would have to be deferred for years.

"But that wasn't the only consideration. I took careful and objective stock of my situation, and weighed my options. I asked myself, could I really compete in Hollywood? I didn't sing or dance, and most US productions that used Asian talents were musicals, like 'Flower Drum Song' with Nancy Kwan and Miyoshi Umeki.

"Also, I was rather too conservative for the requirements of US films. —So, I ended up not signing the contract. Everyone was shocked, but to me, it's the best decision I've made in my life!"

That's the story, straight from Barbara, the supreme romantic—and realist!

Encounters with dead relatives

(Conclusion)

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

WHEN my mother's final hours came, I called up my brother Tuting in Nigeria.

He was surprised when my call got through. He said, "There's a coup right now in Nigeria, all telephone lines are supposed to be dead!"

Photos

Four years ago, I was shooting the photos of graduating UP students when I visited my brother Ador. I was with my secretary-encoder Jo. As we walked back toward the car, Jo said, *"Bilang na bilang ko ang tao sa bahay, pero bakit may lalaking nakaputi?* Who was this tall, old man with his hair in a ponytail and his arm around my shoulders, walking me toward the car?

KUYA Vic with wife Guia in Toronto, a year before he passed away.

She tried to catch up with us when I passed behind a chico tree, but when I emerged, the man with me was gone. Jo had never seen a photo of my dad, but the features of the man she described conformed to my father's!

Kiss

Last year, my eldest brother, Victor Jr. passed away in his sleep. The day before, for the first time, I dozed off while at work. I felt him running his fingers through my hair. I saw his face as bright as the sun, saying goodbye and that he loved me very much. He planted a kiss on my forehead. I was so happy!

The next day, my brother Ding called saying that *Kuya* Vic was gone. I cried like I had never cried before.

To this day, I have never gone back to his house, because I am reminded of many happy memories of beautiful weekends, Christmases and New Years.

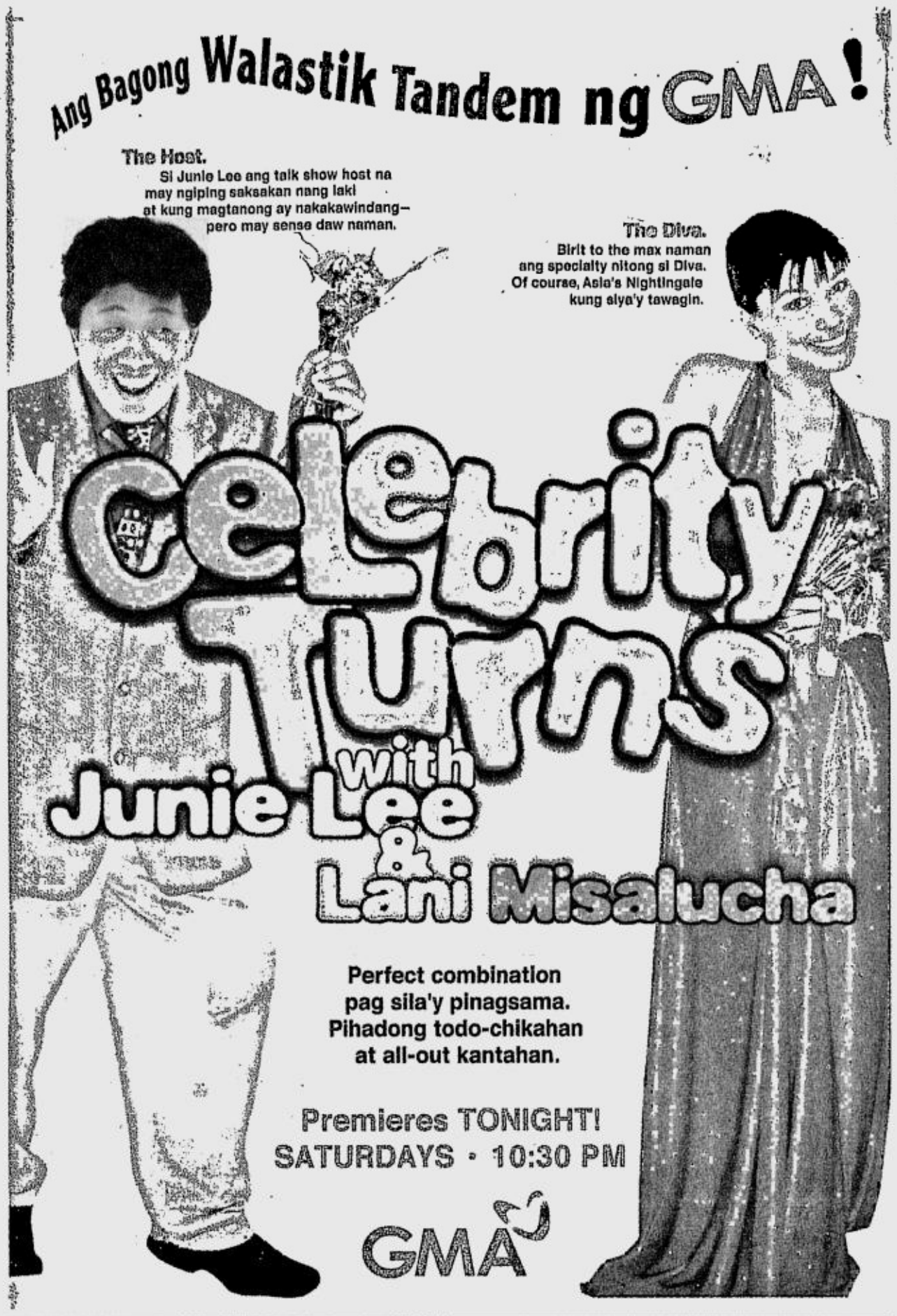
Photoworkshop

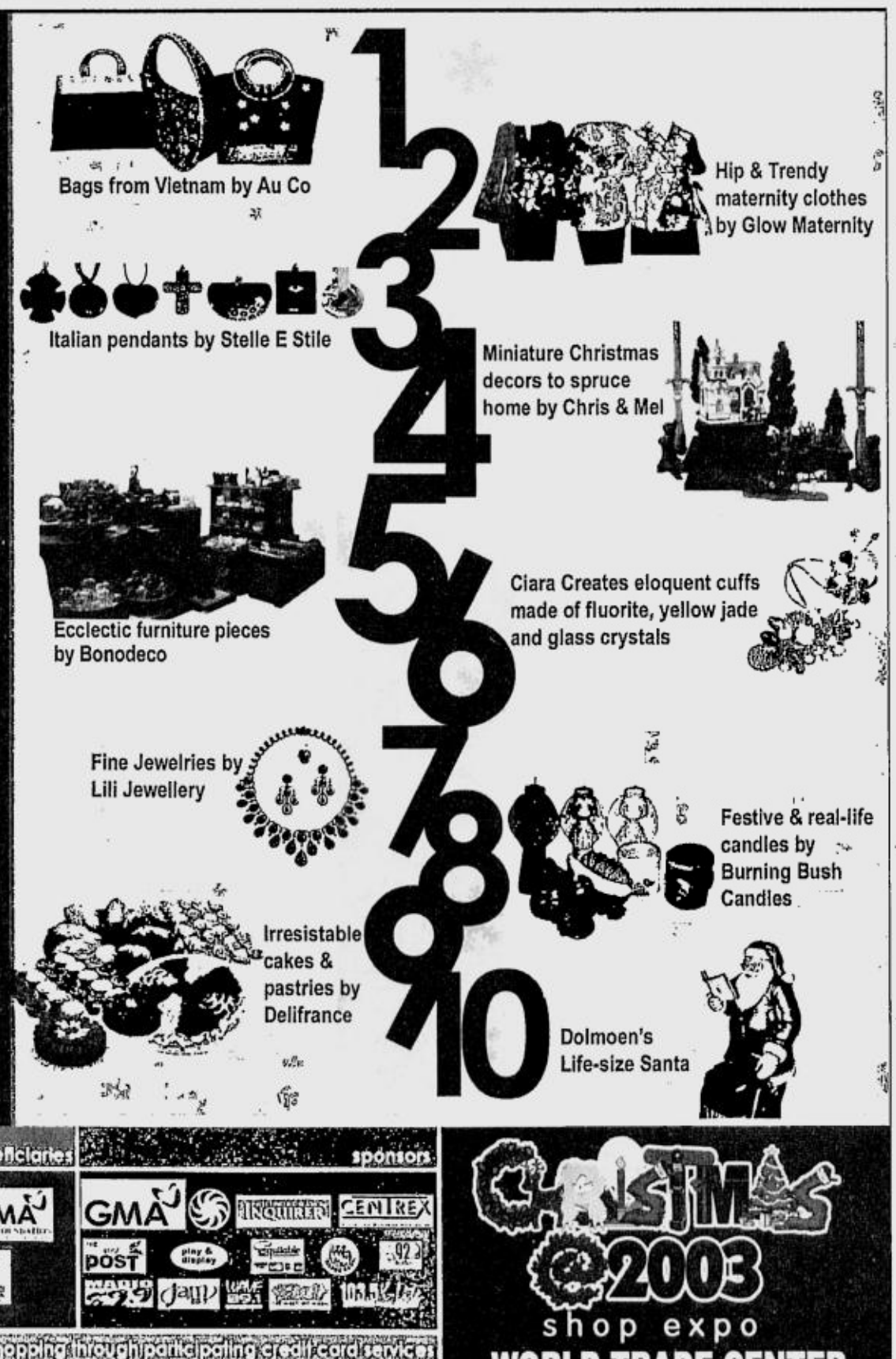
The Mandy Navasero Photoworkshop will hold separate classes in Digital Photography with hands-on exercises and critique: every T-Th-S from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 18, 20 and 22, and on Nov. 25, 27 and 29, at Rm. 207, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia (formerly Reposo st.), Bel-Air II, Makati City.

Guest lecturer is David Hanson. Call 522-1905 or 522-5189 or e-mail mn_photo-com@i-manila.com.ph.

Sinop

The Society of IRRI Non-Research Professionals (Sinop) will hold its monthly enhancement program at 10 a.m. on Nov. 14. Dr. Rebecca B. Singson will talk on Common Gynecological Problems and Human Sexual Response at the Asia Room, Chandler's Hall, IRRI. Sinop will also hold its annual Christmas Bazaar at IRRI on Nov. 13 and 14.





Media critic cites negative effects of talk shows

By Ronald G. Mangubat

HOWARD Kurtz, a media critic at the Washington Post, is a recipient of various awards in journalism and also hosts the CNN program, "Reliable Sources."

Popular

In the mid-'90s, have exacerbated the risk of breeding new political candidates, like what happened to hosts Patrick Buchanan, Alan Keyes, Robert Dorman, etc., who jumped into the political arena after they had achieved a certain level of popularity.

Citing the 1996 US presidential campaign, Kurtz discusses how talk shows polluted the

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WINFREY. Exception to the desultory rule.

Kurtz became popular in the international media circle when he wrote the book, "Hot Air: All Talk, All the Time" (Published by Basic Books, 1996, 423 pp.) a well-researched and revealing analysis of how the talk show culture has changed America.

Enlightening

The book is enlightening because Kurtz is able to clearly defend his argument that despite the superlatives being lavished on talk show hosts, the culture of celebrity has undermined serious journalism. And, because most talk shows provoke, titillate and entertain, they rarely illuminate. This, according to Kurtz, imperils democracy itself.

From the pre-CNN era when news traveled more slowly, up to the height of the current Oprah Winfrey, Larry King and Barbara Walters fever, when talk shows have become a dizzying whirl of daily gabfests, Kurtz explores the world of the richest and most prominent program hosts on radio and TV, and analyzes their respective programs.

Conclusion

His conclusion? In today's high-decibel talk show revolution, a sharp tongue and the ability to shock have replaced insight and substance, and celebrity reporters and commentators have become bigger than the stories they report.

He writes: "There is a price today for this unending marathon of talk. As the talk show culture has exploded, the national conversation has been coarsened, cheapened, reduced to name-calling and finger-pointing and bumper-sticker sloganeering."

According to Kurtz, all this has had a profound effect on the nature of communication, and is bad news for journalism. Why?

Machinations

First, the talk show culture affects the business of governance in insidious ways. Citing the machinations of White House advisers during the Clinton years, when politicians became obsessed with popularity ratings as reflected by the scorecard mentality of the weekly talk shows, Kurtz says these short-term maneuverings often became more important than long-term policies.

Second, talk shows

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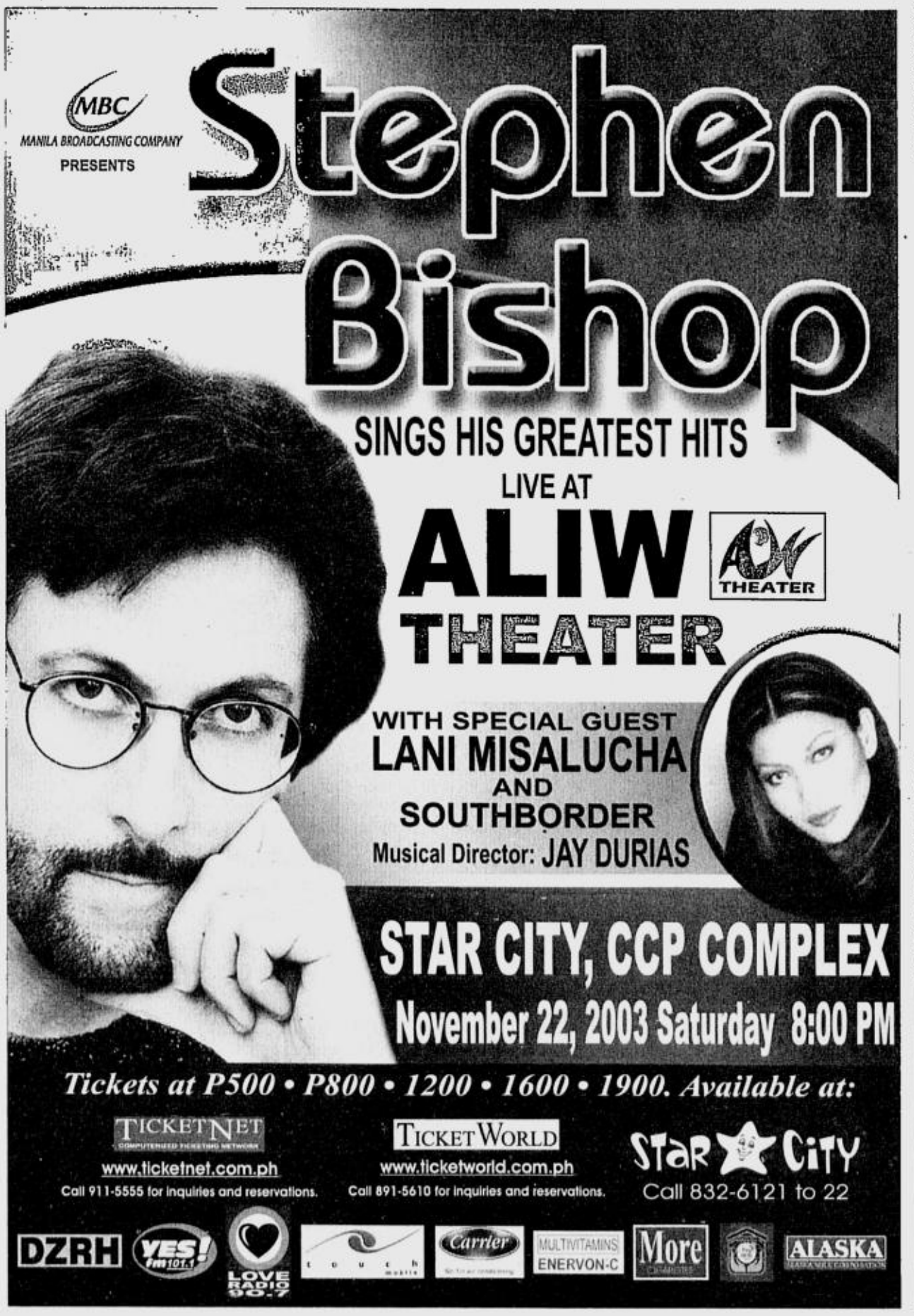

Search for standouts in a field of clones and drones

By Nestor U. Torre

LAST week, we made it to a point to watch the first telecasts of GMA-7's new talent search program, "Star-Struck." We saw how hundreds of aspirants were auditioned at schools and malls. They ranged from the promising to the abysmally bereft of talent and looks.

Not to worry, the chaff was winnowed away soon enough, until 60 survived the first elimination. When these young survivors were trotted out for judges and viewers' evaluation, some of them looked cute and fairly charismatic, but there didn't appear to be real standouts among them.

DANTES. Does well as the program's host.

Star value

Well, we told ourselves, it's hard to stand out in such a big field. When they get cut down further to 30, we'll have an easier time seeing who really exudes star value.

Alas, when the 30 semi-finalists were announced, there were still no out-and-out potential winners in evidence. Perhaps the trouble was the fact that practically all of the survivors were exceedingly young. That made them rather raw and unformed, so their star potential wasn't clear.

Also, most of them were the usual *mestizo* types popular with colonial-minded viewers (and talent scouts) in these parts. As a result, they sort of looked alike, so standouts were hard to come by.

Dark side

We did notice a semi-finalist who was on the dark side. She looked interesting and different because she was tall and dusky and appeared to have temperament to spare, but our fears were confirmed when she didn't survive the next cut, to the final 14.

To be fair, the 14 finalists looked no worse than

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'Liyab'—The red and black of love, hate and deception

By Mona Gonzalez

AFRICA. Plays a woman whose husband is in a coma.

FERNANDEZ. 2003 Cinemanila prize-winner.

WHAT can a 10-minute film say about love, hate and deception? If that film is "Liyab," directed by Sockie Fernandez (first prize winner in the 2003 Cinemanila), then the answer is, "A lot."

In a nutshell

"What is apparent need not be real. things are not always black and white," Sockie says, explaining her movie in a nutshell. In the story Ellen (Susan Africa) is married to Romy (Albert Martinez), who has been in a coma for three months. Romy's best friend (Julio Diaz) begs Ellen to pull the plug, saying, "It's so cruel." Ellen responds, "It's you who is cruel. Tell me who his mistress is. Only God decides when a person must die."

Every night, Ellen prays at Quiapo church, then goes to a peddler (Odette Khan) on the church steps to light two black candles in the shape of a man and a woman. (Black candles are for revenge, red for forgiveness). One day she adds a third black candle—a male.

Bonfire

Everyone's suffering ends when Julio Diaz finds himself alone with Romy, kisses him on the lips, and pulls the plug. Ellen burns Romy's things in a bonfire. The following morning after mass, she goes to the peddler and lights a red "male" candle.

Inscrutable? Much must be read between the lines—and much is inferred in the structure of the scenes.

Comments

I showed the film to my English students at La Salle, and here were their comments:

About the movie in general:

"It had so many twists, irony and surprises. It makes you think. You may not have the answers, but you learn how to use your mind critically because of it."—*TJ Lumang*

"I don't like it because I don't see its purpose as a film."—*Lyka Dimacuha*

"It shows how love always comes with hatred."—*Mark Ang*

On aspects of production:

"The ward remained static, seemingly free from the heat of the flames. Yet, this was the scene of euthanasia."—*Amiel Perez*

Insights:

"It's all the wife's loss. She waited for three months for the mistress to come, but nobody did. She wasted her money, lost her husband, and wasted her time just thinking of those things."—*Marco Ivan Chua*

"Heartwarming yet bitter."—*Jefferson Haw*

"I think the flame in the red candle at the end

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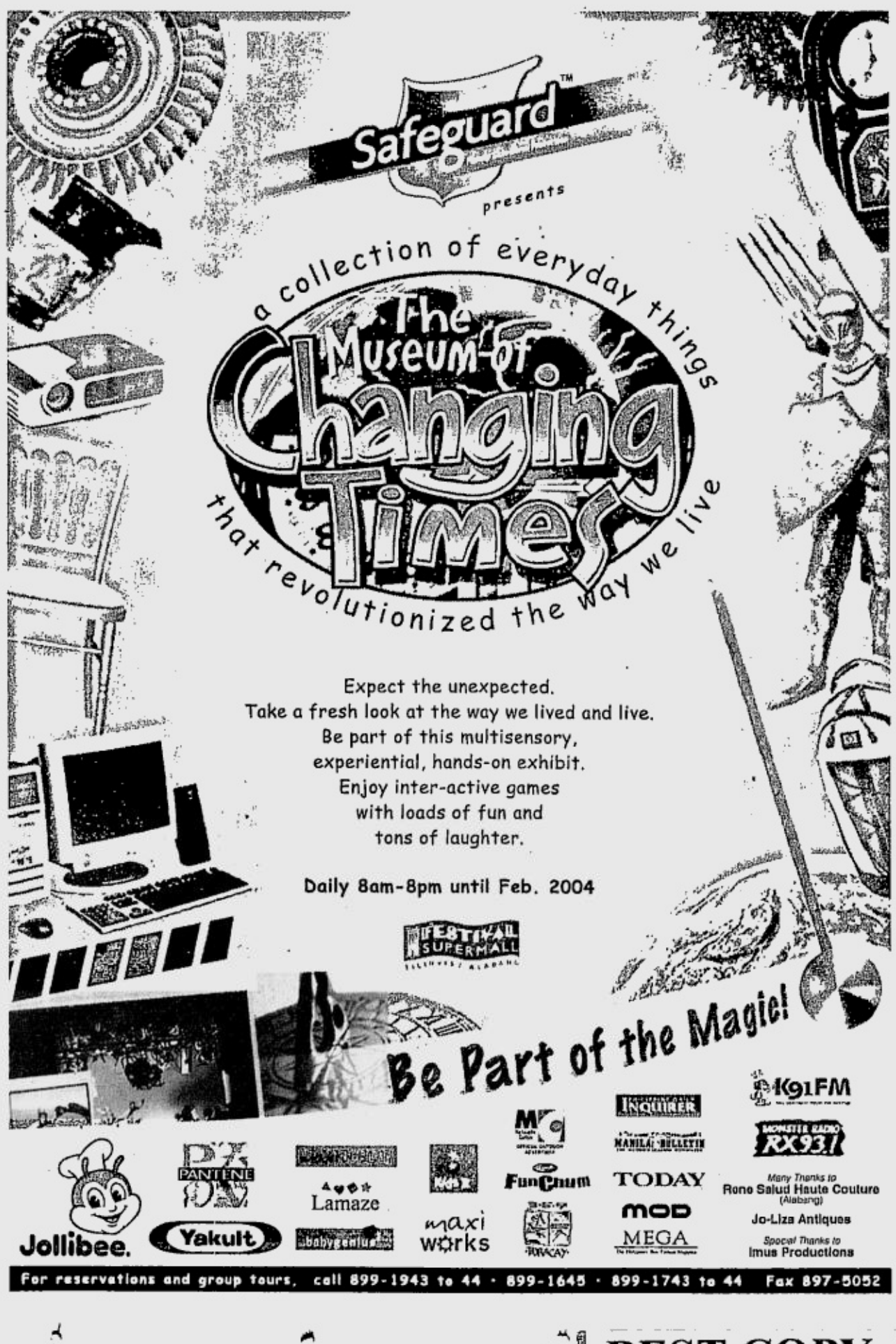

Best-tasting sardine brands

WORD OF MOUTH

Sandy Daza

GOING to the grocery is one of the most enjoyable activities for me. I love to sample new items and see what brilliant ideas have been thought up by talented culinary minds. But my dilemma is, there are too many products to choose from! Take instant noodles, powdered juices, corned beef, coconut milk, processed meats, sardines—etc.!

Diets

A desire to eat healthy pushed me to get into another one of the diets I usually break. Sardines are inexpensive, healthy and delicious. They remind me of my fraternity days at UP. Everytime we were hungry, it was either mackerel or sardines.

How do sardine brands compare when taste-tested in competition with each other?

I recently did a test of 10 brands I found at the Robinsons Galleria grocery—Toyo, Ligo, Family, 555, Blue Bay, Young Towns, Master, Mega, Saba and Hakone. My findings: for Spanish style sardines, the best is Family, followed by 555.

Sweet sauces

Among the tomato-based sauces, I liked 555 the most, then came the Saba brand. 555 sardines were a bit on the sweet side compared to the rest, and we Pinoys have a tendency to favor sweet sauces.

Trying the different brands out one at a time will almost always give satisfaction, but sampling them one after the other is what will determine your personal preference.

Happy eating!

Let me know what you think: email sandydaza@shaw.ca

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political process, when candidates tailored their performances to the imperatives of the camera and the microphone, struggling to sound wise while wrestling with the limitations of the medium.

Third, Kurtz delved into the possible dangers of talk shows, like the political perception that the audiences of talk shows are an accurate barometer of public opinion.

On the other hand, there is also danger when millions of viewers and listeners treat what they hear on talk shows as absolute truth, or when what the hosts say about the news has become more important than the news itself.

Context

As an audio-visual medium, television is seductive but has little time for context, subtlety or caveats. As Kurtz candidly writes: "Let's be honest about it: Going on TV is a blast. Your mother thinks you're important, the guy who fixes your car at the Exxon station recognizes you, and your friends tell you that they liked your tie, although they usually can't remember what you said."

The irony of all this, according to the author, is that he has also become a part of this privileged class of "talkmeisters." "I have gradually become part of the endless parade of talking heads," he admits.

Without sounding pedantic, Kurtz observes that even if programs have taken wretched excess to new heights, there are a few responsible and enlightened hosts who have vowed to cut back on the sleaze. He cites Oprah Winfrey as one of them.

A few years ago, Kurtz narrates, Oprah realized that she did not want to become part of the tawdry talk show environment anymore, where even criminals became celebrities who were booked, interviewed and promoted.

"I don't want to keep talking to people about their dysfunction," Winfrey said. "I won't have people yelling and screaming and trying to humiliate one another." Winfrey now says she wants to use her show for raising consciousness and for doing good.

Academic style

The book is an interesting read because of the similarities between some US and Philippine talk shows—how both are inextricably linked to politics, how the populace get fixated on the novel, how snap judgments race by in a blur and objectivity is lost.

This is the kind of book that media managers and broadcasters should read because it could help them rethink their roles and responsibilities as media practitioners and ponder on their own respective programs and agenda, most especially in the light of the coming 2004 elections.

True, the electronic media can be a vibrant force of considerable potency, but it could also be a tool for abuse, social corrosion and "punditocracy," a term which Kurtz coined to describe the talking heads.

A statement by Kurtz sums up what we must do as a nation that also happens to be awash in talk: "At some point, " he says, "the country has to stop talking and start acting!"

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Award-winning comedy caps NVC season

By Rito P. Asilo

CRITICS call it "a comedy with political kick." Before we saw it in London's West End last year, we were indifferent to the material.

Sprawling

When we entered the theater, we were surprised to see a stage with almost no set. Some of the West End shows we saw (24 of them in a month's time!) had sprawling, 80-foot sets and were littered with every little detail to make the production's atmosphere as realistic as it could get.

"What the heck is this?," we asked ourselves. But, 10 minutes into the show, we were roaring with laughter, along with the other theatergoers (more than half of them students).

More than anything, "Stones in His Pockets" is a play for actors, one that weaves its story around an American film crew in southwestern Ireland to shoot a film. It's a comedy full of political and moral questions. Sounds like a huge cast, huh?

Not! The show has only two actors. But they will breath life into more than 15 characters: the director and his film crew, the extras, townsfolk, a bodyguard, the speech tutor, even the leading lady! The play has won numerous awards, including the Olivier for "Best Comedy" and acting awards for its performers.

Two actors

Seeing all those colorful characters performed by only two actors took our breath away—we had to buy a copy of the script during intermission! And it wasn't even discussed if "Stones" was going to be a part of New Voice's theater season this year, until Monique texted me early this year from London to ask if I wanted to direct a comedy instead of a drama. What a way to end the season!

The next difficult task was casting actors who could pull off the task at hand—two actors who could play old men one second, and 12-year-olds the next; a heartless director one moment, and a flamboyant actress right after, etc.

The search narrowed down to two actors I've always admired for their versatility, talent and humility— Michael Williams (who said yes immediately), and Jamie Wilson (who was already studying the script even before we began running our previous play, "Stop Kiss").

Marie Jones' "Stones in His Pockets" will be staged on Nov. 21-22, 28-29 at 8 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 3:30 p.m. at the Republic of Malate. Call New Voice at 896-5497.

WILSON (left) and Williams play 15 characters in "Stones in His Pockets."

SALAC. A father must always be a guiding light to his children.

'Itay' picked to carry new Rey Salac album

WHEN Rey Salac got a copy of the song, "Itay," he became so obsessed with it that he did not only want to sing it, he thought that every home must have it!

Touching gesture

Rey says that when a child sings "Itay" to his father, he will find it a touching gesture. He will also change his attitude if he has erred. Hence, the song will help improve his relationship with his children!

Rey says that he got a copy of the song from Mrs. Lourdes "Bing" Pimentel, the wife of Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, who wrote the lyrics and melody.

"I'm honored Ms Pimentel allowed me to sing and record it for my forthcoming album," Rey said. Ernie de los Reyes arranged it for Rey.

Ms Pimentel was inspired to write "Itay" when her husband, Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel, was incarcerated during Martial Law.

The song speaks of the goodness of a father; that he must be a model, hero, an upright person who's kind, just, fair and hardworking, and who must be ready to guide his children.

"I loved the song so much," Rey recalls. " And I am re-recording it for my forthcoming album."

Crusade

For Rey, singing "Itay" is like a crusade. The first stanza reads:

"Paulit-ulit na itinatanim
Sa murang isipan ko

PIMENTEL. The song's composer and lyricist.

Itay, ang mga pangaral mo
Naririyan ka, Itay
Buhay mong marangal
Sa aking paglalakbay!

Indeed, a father must always be a guiding light to his children. But how can he do that if he is a corrupt government official, gambler, or keeps mistresses?

Rey has been a performing artist for a long time now. He was once dubbed the "mall king" because he used to perform regularly at live entertainment venues, going from one mall to another.

Rey has recorded three albums: "Ikaw Lang," "Kahit Saglit Itong Pasko," and "Rey Salac at His Best," all released by Ivory Records.

His forthcoming album will have "Itay" as its carrier cut. "The song is a treasure, " Rey stresses. "Let us have more songs like this to inspire us!"

Search for . . .

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the young talents on "That's Entertainment" years ago, and on teen shows on TV today. And we still hadn't heard them perform full musical numbers, do complete dramatic or comedic scenes, or express themselves in sentences rather than excerpted statements and sound bites.

We're prepared to wait until they do come across more as individual talents rather than standard show biz starlet types. But our point is this: since they appear to be so similar in terms of looks and behavior, even when some of them do stand out, they'll have a hard time making a vivid impression on the local show biz scene.

Ephemeral

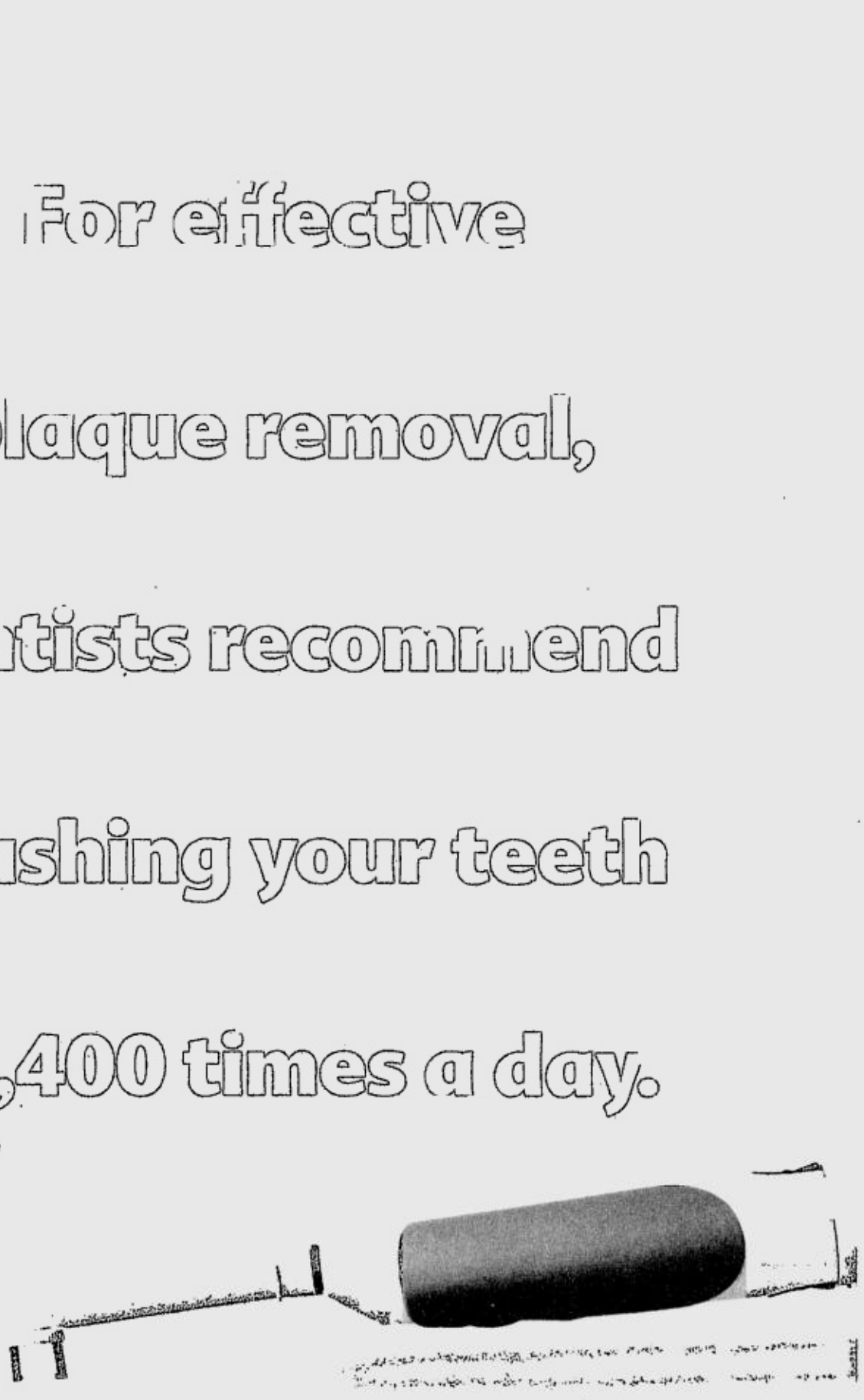
They could end up pretty much like the droves of goodlooking and eager-to-please clones and drones who now appear on teen shows and movies: They do serviceable work to keep the huge youth audience entertained, but most of their productions are so ephemeral that they can't hold viewers' interest for long.

That's why we hope that, in the coming weeks, some of the 14 finalists will evince original talent or distinct verve to genuinely stand out.

Don't be so eager to please, don't follow rules to the letter—express yourselves in your own, unique way, why don't you? That uniqueness is what separates the genuine potential star from the cute and obedient also-rans.

"Star-Struck" is hosted by Dingdong Dantes and Nancy Castiglione. He does well in pacing the show and making its process clear and interesting, but her high-pitched voice is a problem. Let's hope that she does something about it in the coming weeks, so it doesn't continue to be a liability.

"Star-Struck" is telecast weeknights at 7:30 p.m., on GMA-7. The final 14 will be sequentially winnowed down in the next couple of months, until the two winners are revealed.



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Dawn Zulueta makes a striking comeback in 'Filipinas'

ZULUETA. Loves her more private existence as a fulltime housewife and part-time star.

By Nestor U. Torre

ONE of the most highly anticipated movies in the Metro filmfest this December is Joel Lamangan's "Filipinas," which tells the complex story of a conflicted family that could veritably be a microcosm of the nation's state today.

Caregiver

And one of the most striking performances in the production is the comeback portrayal (after six years) of Dawn Zulueta. She plays the sibling who works as a caregiver in Israel, where things are even more conflicted than they are here.

The role has a special resonance for Dawn, which is why she agreed to play it, and to film some scenes for it all the way in terrorist-threatened Jerusalem. She is part Palestinian on both her parents' sides, and the situations her character is involved in are so dramatic and topical that her performance should elicit the special interest of moviegoers and filmfest judges alike.

When Dawn quit acting six years ago in favor of a quiet life in Davao with her businessman-husband, everyone thought it was such a waste—everyone, that is, except Dawn herself.

Important roles

She had played more than her share of important roles, co-starred with the top young leading men in tinseltown, and experienced the best and worst that the entertainment world had to offer. It was time to move on.

So, why has she come back? No longer to climb back up to the top of the stellar heap, but just to act in TV-film projects that are of special interest and significance to her.

To date, aside from "Filipinas," those showcases have included TV programs like the game show, "The Price Is Right," and the weekend lifestyle magazine program, "All About You."

We hear, too, that she's been offered a talk show, which is something she should do, because she has the required intelligence, sensitivity and gift of gab for the job.

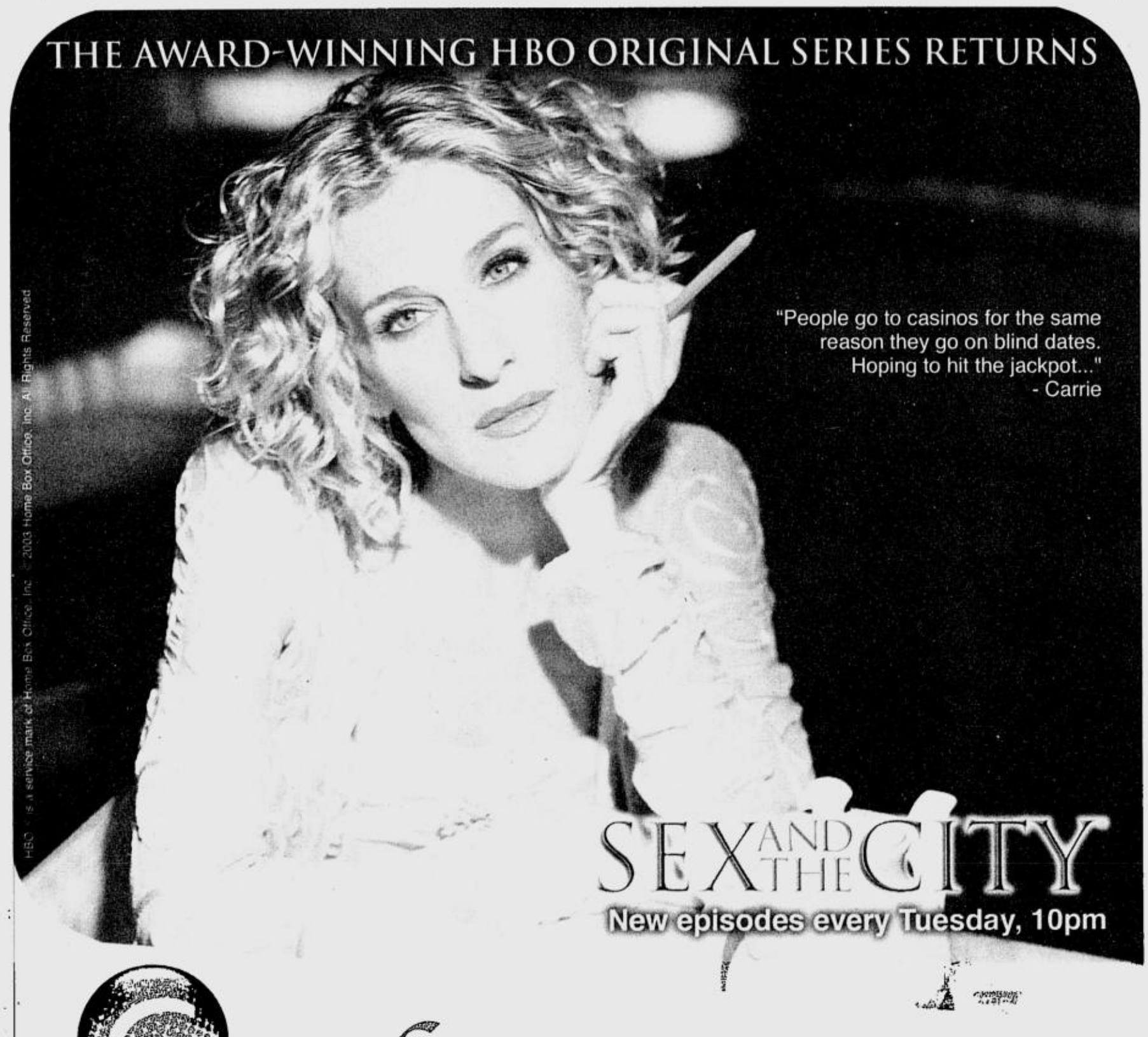
In the movies, however, "Filipinas" will have to do for now. Some of Dawn's fans may want her to be more visible on the big screen, but she's gotten to love her more private existence as a fulltime housewife and part-time TV-film star. So, that's how her priorities will probably continue to play themselves out in the immediate future.

And that isn't bad. After all, Vilma Santos has proven that, if a star acts in only one exceptional film every year or two, she'll still be in the swim of things in show biz. Dawn could manage to do that, too. And, if that talk show pushes through—why, so much the better!

Other luminaries

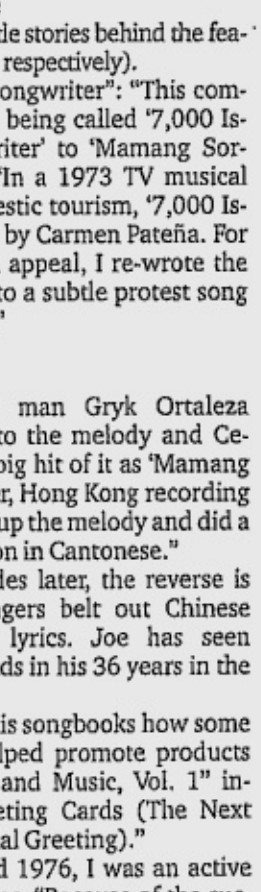
"Filipinas" is an all-star production also topbilling Armida Siguion-Reyna, Maricel Soriano, Aiko Melendez and Richard Gomez, among other luminaries.

It is hoped that, in dramatizing the lives, conflicts and interrelationships of the members of the Filipinas family, the production will also empathetically and emblematically shed light on some of the larger problems affecting the Filipino nation as a whole. If it does that, it could become the dramatic and thematic highlight of next month's Metro filmfest.



Jose Mari Chan's words and music in two songbooks

By Jocelyn Valle



CHAN. His new musical compilations are a great help to musicians and singers.

JOSE Mari Chan has always been fascinated with songbooks. Whenever he travels abroad, he checks out bookstores for additions to his collection.

Recently, Universal published two songbooks for the multi-awarded hitmaker.

Little stories

Volumes one and two of "Words and Music" are a great help to musicians and singers who wish to perform Chan's compositions. The musically challenged, on the other hand, will appreciate the section about the little stories behind the featured songs (21 and 24, respectively).

For instance, "Mr. Songwriter": "This composition evolved from being called '7,000 Islands' to 'Mr. Songwriter' to 'Mamang Sorbetero,'" writes Joe. "In a 1973 TV musical show promoting domestic tourism, '7,000 Islands' was interpreted by Carmen Pateña. For it to have commercial appeal, I re-wrote the lyrics and turned it into a subtle protest song called 'Mr. Songwriter.'

Filipino lyrics

"Later, advertising man Gryk Ortaleza wrote Filipino lyrics to the melody and Celeste Legaspi made a big hit of it as 'Mamang Sorbetero.' A year later, Hong Kong recording star Paula Tsui picked up the melody and did a successful cover version in Cantonese."

Almost three decades later, the reverse is happening. Local singers belt out Chinese songs with Filipino lyrics. Joe has seen through different trends in his 36 years in the music industry.

Joe also relates in his songbooks how some of his songs have helped promote products and movies. "Words and Music, Vol. 1" includes "Sterling Greeting Cards (The Next Best Thing to a Personal Greeting)."

"Between 1971 and 1976, I was an active jingle writer," he shares. "Because of the success of what I had written for Hallmark, the owners of Sterling Greeting Cards commissioned me to write their jingle. Jaime Blanch gave life to it with his cool singing voice."

The second volume has "Beautiful Girl" and "Radio Romance." "With lyrics by Freddie Santos, the latter song was commissioned by dwRR 101.9 (ABS-CBN) in the mid-1990s when the station was run by an all-female DJ staff playing nothing but love songs," Joe recalls.

'Liyab' . . .

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of the movie represented new life, a new beginning."—*Lorence M. del Rosario*

Judgement:

"You don't have any right to pray for bad things to happen to other people. The gay man does not have the right to "kill" the sick man, nor to love a married person, especially if they are of the same sex. In the end, the woman learned to forgive. I think it is the best thing she did in her whole life."—*Kryss Tumambing*

"Life for her was death waiting for its next victim. It was ironic that forgiveness came only when something had been greatly sacrificed. It was unfair to sacrifice someone just to be able to forgive. We have to forgive and forget even it it's hard—even if it's unfair and leaves many questions unanswered."—*Criselda Mojica*

The project was bankrolled by Jackie Ongking, executive producer.

"Short films are an excellent showcase for new talent. Overseas, there are so many venues for them, but in the Philippines, we only have Cinemanila," Sockie observes.

After "Liyab," we hope that short films will find their rightful place under the Philippine entertainment sun.

SATURDAY *special*

KEANU Reeves as Neo in "The Matrix Revolutions," the last installment in the three-film series. REUTERS

Franchises teach lessons on serial storytelling

LOS ANGELES—A year has passed since Frodo and Sam continued their ominous trek to Mordor. It's been six months since Neo lay comatose alongside his nemesis. And three more months will pass before the vengeful Bride gets a chance to kill Bill.

Convention

Hollywood is in tease mode these days, breaking with the convention that each movie must have a clear beginning, middle and end. Film franchises like "Lord of the Rings," "The Matrix" and "Kill Bill" are dabbling in installment plans, taking their cue from a serial format that dates back to the ancient Greeks.

"Certainly, serialization of entertainment started with literature," said Keanu Reeves, who stars as Neo in "The Matrix" trilogy, which concludes with "The Matrix Revolutions." "The continuation of stories like Oedipus (Sophocles' three-part theater trilogy). It's in the tradition, cycles and trilogies."

The Wachowski brothers shot parts two and three of "The Matrix" simultaneously, a moneysaving method that also allowed them to rush the movies into theaters just a few months apart rather than the typical two or three years.

Trilogy

Likewise, Peter Jackson filmed "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy at the same time, with the films hitting theaters just before Christmas three years running, the final part now six weeks away.

Quentin Tarantino shot "Kill Bill" as one long action tale, then broke it into two parts after he and distributor Miramax decided three hours was too long for a single martial-arts film. Part two debuts in February.

It's more coincidence than trend that these three projects surfaced around the same time. The stories are epics that needed more than a single movie's running time to do them justice, and the unresolved endings required the expediency of simultaneous shooting to get them in theaters quickly, before audiences lost interest.

If Hollywood takes away any lessons, it will be on the bottom line, not the lure of cliffhanger storytelling. Whether a franchise is intended as a serialized story or several self-contained films, studios may be enticed by the cost efficiency of shooting two or more movies in one swoop.

While studios can be stuck with money-losing sequels if the first chapter bombs, the strategy can pay off nicely when part one clicks. If "Kill Bill—Vol. 2" matches the performance of "Vol. 1," Miramax should wind up with a total domestic gross of about $150 million for the two films, a solid return on "Kill Bill's" $65 million budget.

Big-screen take

"It depends on the project," said "Matrix" producer Joel Silver, who is developing a big-screen take on the "Wonder Woman" comic books. "Who knows? Maybe if I do `Wonder Woman,' I'll do two at the same time. It all depends on the material."

In the 19th century, novels often were published in installments, and modern authors—notably Stephen King—have had occasional success with serialized fiction.

Television soap operas long have continued that tradition, and TV audiences have become accustomed to season-ending cliffhangers in many sitcoms and dramas.

Cliffhangers were old-hat in Hollywood's early days with such serialized short films as "The Perils of Pauline." It's been rare to apply that approach to full-length movie franchises, whose installments generally stand on their own, such as the "Indiana Jones" or "Jurassic Park" flicks.

The "Star Wars" sequel "The Empire Strikes Back" left loose ends hanging for "The Return of the Jedi" to resolve. The prequels "The Phantom Menace" and "Attack of the Clones," while fairly self-contained in themselves, clearly are part of a broader trilogy that will conclude with George Lucas' final "Star Wars" movie in 2005. *AP*

YOUR WEEKLY TV GUIDE FROM NOV. 8 - NOV. 14

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'My First Romance' graded 'B' by CEB

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Love and friendship

The film is cited by CEB members for its good values and its depiction of characters who try to do something for the underprivileged. While generally a lightweight romance for teen viewers, and thus occasionally prone to shallow treatment, predictable characterizations and simplistic plotting, the movie has good production values and family-oriented themes of love and friendship.

"Other outstanding elements pointed out were the film's musical scoring, production design, cinematography, editing and the music video approach of the first episode.

"The production was similarly cited for developing and showcasing new stars and directors, and thus helping renew and revitalize the talent pool of the Filipino movie industry.

"For these positive aspects, "My First Romance" was found deserving of incentives and graded 'B' by the Cinema Evaluation Board."

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'My First Romance' graded 'B' by CEB

CRUZ. New film star "graduated" from television.

By Nestor U. Torre

STAR Cinema's "My First Romance" is an interesting film because it showcases four relatively new and young stars, and gives breaks in filmmaking to two new directors.

The fact that the movie has turned out to be popular with young viewers indicates that the movie studio's decision to "gamble" on relatively new talents has paid off.

Constant infusion

We trust that this success will encourage other producers to also showcase fresh acting and filmmaking talents in their own productions. This way, the movie industry could get the constant infusion of new talents it needs to make its products eventful.

Granted, Star Cinema's "gamble" was no shot in the dark. Before the studio decided to make film stars of John Prats, Heart Evangelista, John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo, its sister company, ABS-CBN, honed them and built up their fan base via a lot of exposure on TV.

Television being a starmaking medium in its own right these days, the four young TV leads were primed for their "graduation" to the movies—the logical next step, because the bigger scope of films is what gives Stardom its all-important capital "S" in these parts.

Still, many "logical" experiments end up as duds, so the success of "My First Romance" is a remarkable achievement, which we hope will be repeated, and further improved on, next year.

Favorable rating

As for the film itself, it has gotten a favorable rating from the Cinema Evaluation Board, as this official summation of the board members' comments will attest:

"Star Cinema's 'My First Romance' was viewed by the Cinema Evaluation Board (CEB) of the Film Development Council of the Philippines last Oct. 28, and the young romance film made up of two separate episodes was graded 'B' for its good production aspects, positive values and other outstanding qualities.

"In the first episode, Heart Evangelista plays a wealthy girl and John Prats comes from a family lower than hers in economic status. At first, they get on each other's nerves due to the marked differences in their lifestyles. But, as they become less juvenile in their attitudes and actions, they learn to adjust to one another—and fall in love.

"The second episode casts Bea Alonzo as a young woman whose fiancé dies. His heart is donated to another young man (John Lloyd Cruz). A year later, Bea and John finally meet and, after some initial problems, learn to love each other.

"But the memory of Bea's late boyfriend keeps getting in the way of their love, and it's only after Bea decides to move on that John's love for her finally holds sway.

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SATURDAY Special

F4's Ken Zhu goes solo in 'Sky of Love'

By Rito P. Asilo

A NUMBER of movie titles grabbed our attention when we browsed through the entertainment section of the Straits Times on our trip to Singapore last week. The scope and variety were impressive—from contemporary European features and Hollywood popcorn flicks to Asian filmfare (including some vaguely familiar Filipino movies like "Kool Ka Lang").

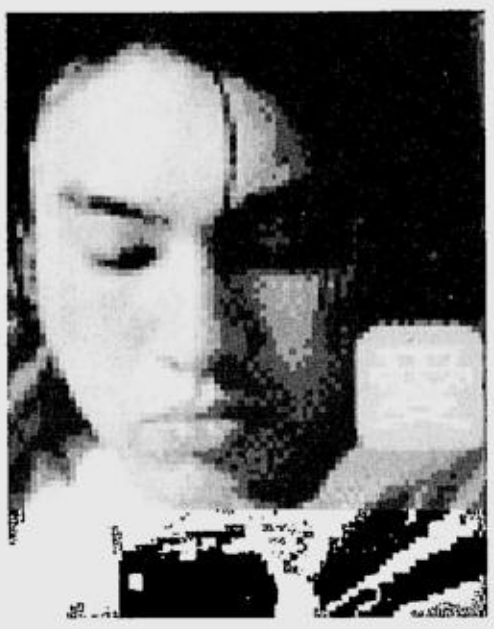
Popular boy group

But knowing how popular the boy group F4 is, one particular movie piqued our curiosity. So, we caught a screening of Johnnie To's "Sky of Love," a Taiwanese romantic drama made significant by the casting of its male lead—"Meteor Garden's" Ken Zhu, in his big-screen feature debut.

If there's one thing we like about Taiwanese movies in general, it's their technical polish and visual pizazz—and To's movie is no exception. Sometimes, its lighting establishes the general mood of a scene, even when there are no words exchanged between characters.

The movie tells the story of two people from different times, 20 years apart, communicating only through a CB radio. If you're not familiar with Hyun-seung Lee's "The Sea" or Gregory Hoblit's "Frequency," the Jeannot Szwarc classic, "Somewhere in Time," demonstrates the same mood.

Wide-eyed optimist Xiao-Jia (Gigi Leung), a third year university student, stumbles across a broken shortwave radio while stealing glances at a handsome man she subsequently falls in love with. But she and her best friend share the same affection for the young man, who seems to reciprocate her feelings.



ZHU IN "SKY OF LOVE." His detached brooding pales beside his leading lady's heartfelt wistfulness.

Broken radio

One night, while fiddling with the broken radio, she ends up talking to Wen Jia-Hui (Ken Zhu), a cynical freshman from the same university. After some easy banter on-air, they decide to meet at the school foyer at 2 p.m. the following day. But they both find themselves stood up by the other—she standing in the blazing heat of the sun for an hour, he in the pouring rain, completely soaked. Of course, they seethe at the inconvenience. We wonder if these characters have ever been introduced to the concept of umbrellas and raincoats, though.

It turns out it was really nobody's fault. She is in the year 1982, he in 2002, and they are simply brought together by the machine that allows them to talk despite the years that separate them. After exchanging caustic remarks, they figure out the situation, but not the reason. (The movie never explains the "mysterious" radio.)

As their friendship grows, so does the attraction between them, as they discuss their lives across 20 years.

Soon, Jia-Hui shares his amusement over the similarity of the names of the man Xiao-Jia is in love with and his father.

Ill-fated affection

But they soon realize that Jia-Hui's mother and father were Xiao-Jia's best friend and true love, respectively. It dawns on Xiao-Jia that the love she has isn't meant to be, and that she will forever be haunted by her ill-fated affection to Jia-Hui's father.

While the movie sometimes meanders into moments of malaise, it nevertheless stands as a winsome, bittersweet romantic drama that could do well at the box office here. The leads don't meet, except in one scene.

Wanting to find out if Xiao-Jia has gotten over her heartbreak 20 years later, Jia-Hui searches for her, then rushes up to the school where the older Xiao-Jia teaches. We don't see her face, but her hunched shoulders speak of loneliness as she walks in the shadows of the school corridor.

Leung gives a remarkable performance as her character journeys from discovering true love and experiençing heartbreak. Zhu, the 24-year-old F4 veteran, truly has a popstar's presence, but doesn't fare as well as Leung.

Zhu isn't bad, but his detached brooding pales beside Leung's heartfelt wistfulness.

The movie tugs at the heartstrings. Filipinos will fall for the film's simple narrative and vivid depiction of a love found and lost.

Just don't expect it to have the emotional, gut-wrenching punch of "The Hours."

What now, Vilma?

By Nestor U. Torre

HAVING just turned 50, Vilma Santos is at a crossroads in her personal, artistic and political lives. What's in store for her in the next decade? Where could she find herself at age 60?

Politics

Some years ago, people thought that Vilma was giving up acting for politics, but that fear has turned out to be unfounded: she still makes a movie once every two years or so.

That's a pretty light acting schedule, but Vilma makes sure that each of her biennial projects is exceptional, so her reputation as one of our best actresses remains untarnished.

Just look at two of her more recent starrers, "Anak" and "Dekada '70"—both films were commercial and critical hits, and reaped awards for the actress. Her next film should be similarly outstanding.

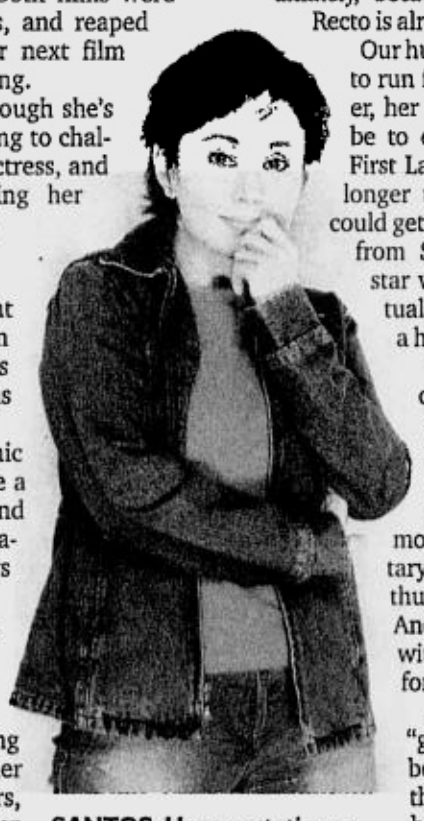
We like the fact that, although she's already 50, Vilma is still raring to challenge herself further as an actress, and that producers keep sending her scripts for her consideration.

Big improvement

This is a big improvement from the attitude prevalent in the past, when female stars were considered has-beens when they hit 40.

If Vilma plays her filmic cards right, she could still be a bankable actress at 60, and thus join the exclusive company of still popular senior stars like Gloria Romero.

We are grateful to Vilma for helping push back the artificial age limit for stellar popularity in this country. Other mature or maturing actresses will benefit from her feat, and so will local viewers, whose film fare will no longer be limited to predictable movies topbilling callow young stars.



SANTOS. Her reputation as one of our best actresses remains untarnished.

What about television? Many years ago, Vilma had her own TV shows, which greatly enhanced her visibility, and consequently her popularity. The last time we spoke to her, she intimated that a TV network wanted her to do a regular show, and now that the caveat against elective officials working in the media appeared to have been dropped, she was eager to accept the network's offer.

So, if things pan out, we could be seeing Vilma in a new TV show early next year.

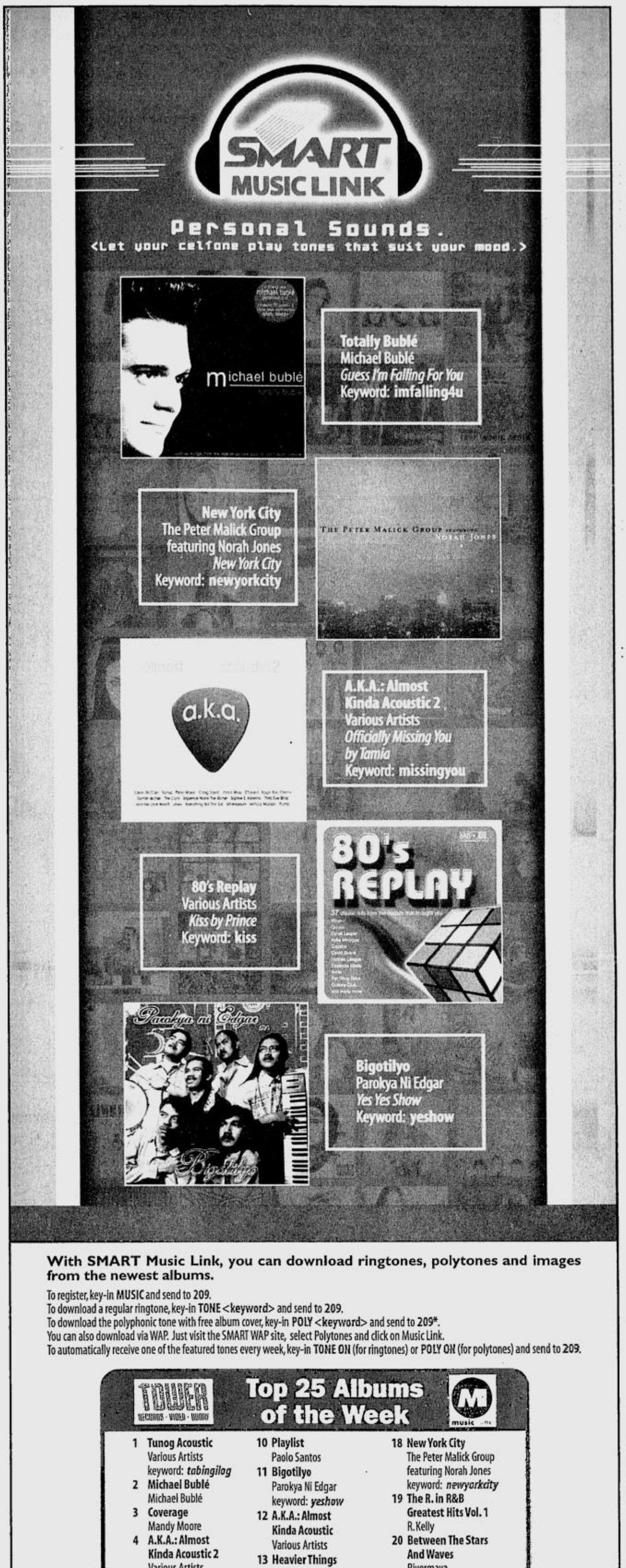
Higher post

—If she doesn't run again in the coming polls. She's reported to have done well as mayor of Lipa City, so she could decide to keep doing that, or she could seek a higher post, like governor of Batangas. (The senatorial race is unlikely, because her husband Ralph Recto is already a solon.)

Our hunch is that Vilma will opt to run for higher office. However, her ultimate "destiny" could be to end up as the country's First Lady—but that could take longer than 10 years. And she could get some strong competition from Sharon Cuneta, another star with a senator and eventual presidential hopeful for a husband!

What should Vilma do on her 50th year to make it appropriately special? A retrospective of films showcasing her finest performances should be mounted. A TV documentary on her life and career thus far should be produced. And she should come out with a great, new starrer before she turns 51.

Any and all of these "golden" projects would be deeply appreciated by the viewing public, which has loyally followed Vilma's career for some four decades now.



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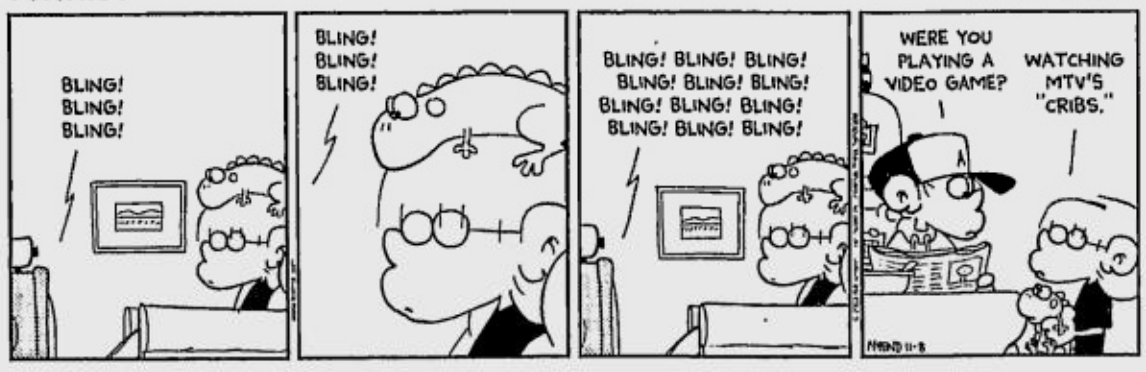

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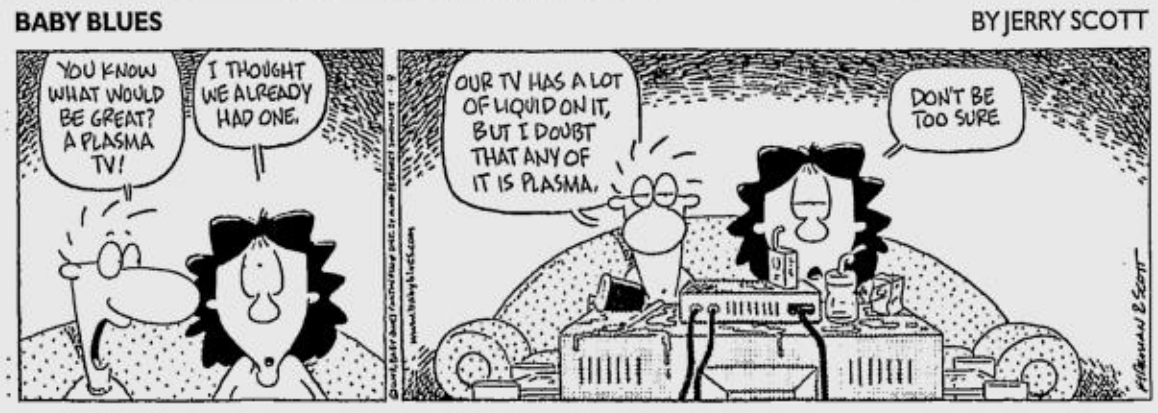

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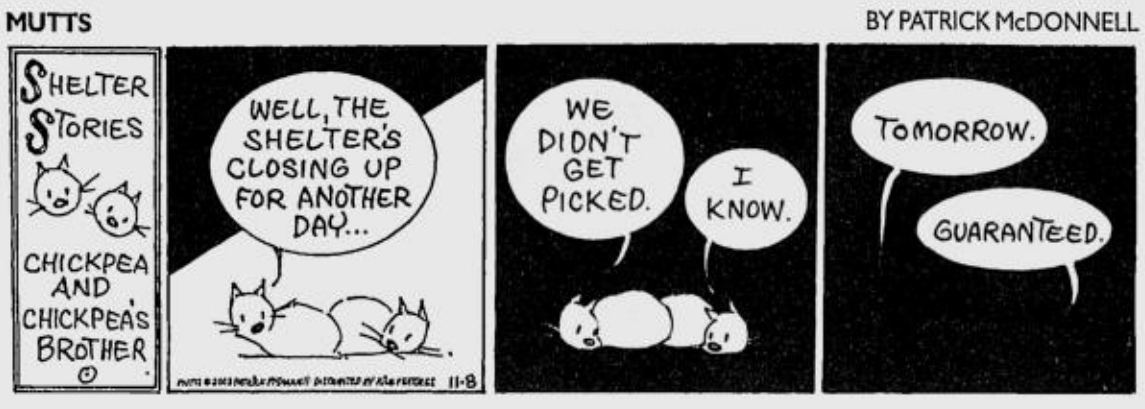

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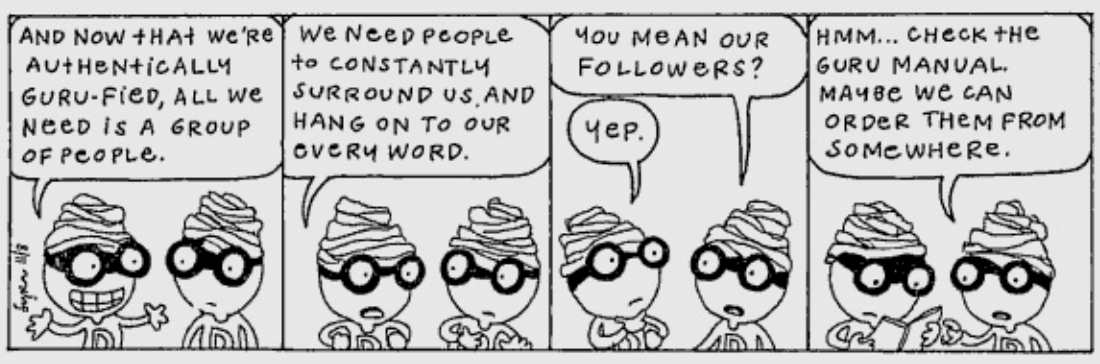

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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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Birthdate of: Bonnie Raitt, singer/songwriter; Ricky Jones, singer/songwriter; Parker Posey, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Try to find a happy balance between taking care of your financial picture and possessions, and respecting the values of someone else. A skillful compromise is needed.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Today's Full Moon is in your sign. This makes it difficult for you to decide whose needs to put first—your own or those of someone else. It's OK to have a healthy self-interest.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): If you feel a sense of loss about your health or how your body functions, then you must try to accept this and work to correct it. Simply do whatever you can.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Don't expect too much from children today. Similarly, don't expect too much from social situations and romantic liaisons. Today's Full Moon stresses everybody.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Be extra patient with family members today, especially parents. You might have to choose between family and career. (This is always a tough choice; however, family matters are important now.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Be extra careful when driving, walking or cycling today. The Full Moon can make people mildly accident-prone by distracting them with busy thoughts and feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Somebody's values will probably clash with yours today. You don't have to agree, and you don't have to make others agree with you, either. Just agree to disagree.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Today's Full Moon opposes your sign. This can trigger an intensity or a sense of compulsion in some people. Not all Full Moons are like this, but this one is. Have patience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Optimism and activity are the keys to your survival. Resist negative thinking. Your attitude toward life affects your health, your enthusiasm and your productivity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Avoid disagreements with friends or groups today. Postpone touchy discussions for another day. Today's Full Moon promotes an obsessive quality that pervades everything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): It's hard to know whom to show your loyalty to today: home and family, or career and profession. Whatever you do will be noticed by others now. Therefore, you cannot ignore your public reputation.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Avoid religious, political and philosophical arguments today. The Full Moon makes people intent on defending their position. This means you really can't change anybody's mind or point of view.

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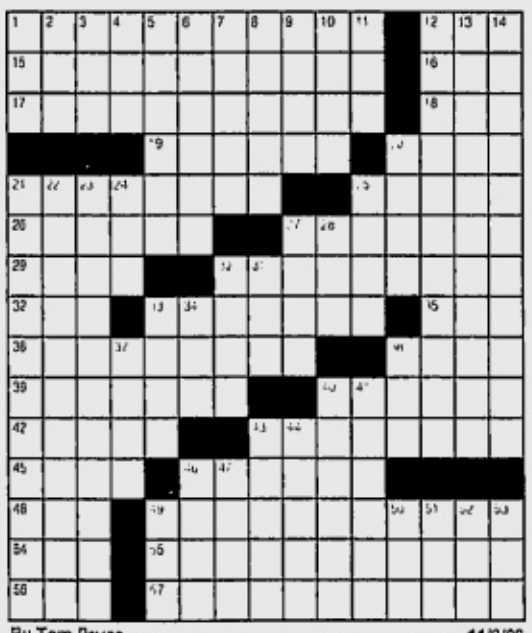

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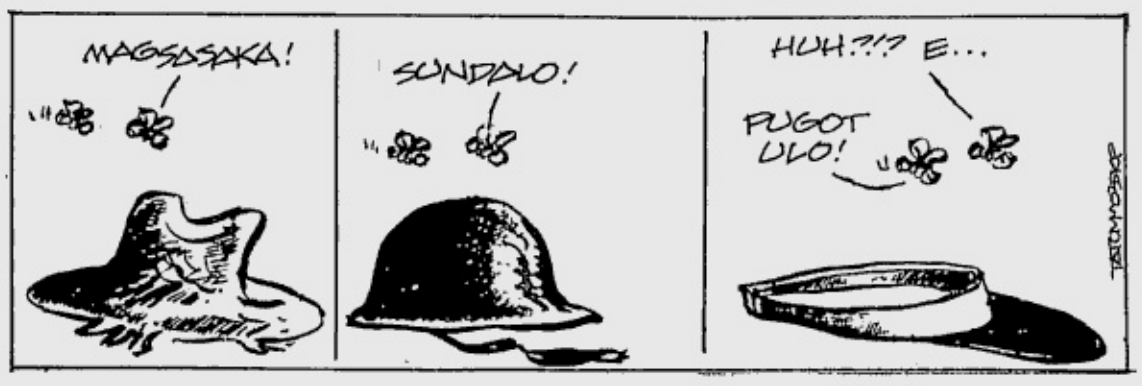

'Mamma Mia' gets standing ovation in Las Vegas

By Behn Cervantes

THE ABBA singing group was a sensation in the turbulent '70s. The quartet has become a landmark musical memory for many of its followers.

Youthful and energetic

The Nordic quartet was composed of two very attractive women and two good-looking males, all young. How could they possibly not win pop music lovers over when they came out with "The Best of Abba" in 1976? The girls were sighing over the men, while the male audience was swooning over the youthful and energetic female singers.

Any which way, the group was a winner and their songs were memorable, easy to sing and dance to. Furthermore, that difficult period from the mid-'60s to the '70s needed a respite from acrimonious rallies, a guilt-ridden war and the confusing *isms* that burdened the young.

The world needed a musical alternative, and Abba was definitely right up the alley of young people eager to get another perspective on life. The group was formed in 1971 and disbanded in 1983, and provided that musical alternative.

Durability

"Mamma Mia," the musical now playing on Broadway and in Las Vegas is testimony to the quartet's durability. Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus' music and lyrics have been ingeniously put together in numbers exploited to the hilt by the book of Catherine Johnson. This recycling of musical numbers, given a twist by a new book, was equally successful in "Moulin Rouge."

In the Abba musical, a single mom is confronted by the three men in her past who could be the father of her daughter, who is about to be wed. She isn't sure who among the trio was "responsible," but her daughter invites the three men she suspects could have sired her. Two wacky friends of her erstwhile hippie mom arrive to further complicate matters by reminding her who she once was, and who they hope she has remained.

Enjoyable

The simple plot runs along predictable lines, but what really makes the show enjoyable are the quartet's zestful musical numbers.

Obviously, viewers' younger lives were significantly touched by the group's music, so as they watched the musical, they went back in time and remembered, as number after number in the group's extensive repertoire was staged.

The performers never hold back their energy, either. There is energy and chutzpah as the play races from one memorable song to another, as though passing the baton during a relay race. The leads and equally adept chorus deserve the standing ovation they get at the end of the joyful musical!

"MAMMA MIA." Joyful musical.

'Under the Tuscan Sun' vivifies the restorative power of a rural idyll

By Ronald G. Mangubat

THIS year, we have been able to watch three outstanding films, which have four common denominators: all were written and directed by women; were based on true-to-life stories; had personal freedom as their overall message; and were travelogues of sorts.

Dramatic life

First was "Frida," the Julie Taymor film that chronicled the colorful and dramatic life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Second was Caroline Link's "Nowhere in Africa."

Now comes Audrey Wells' "Under the Tuscan Sun," an enticing and compelling tale of a divorced writer who goes to Tuscany and discovers the healing pleasures of rural Italian life.

Loosely based on Frances Mayer's book of the same title, the movie stars Diane Lane (last seen in "Unfaithful") as Francesca, a creative writing professor, who attempts to ward off her post-divorce lethargy and periodic writer's block by leaving San Francisco and joining some gay couples on a trip to Italy.

Old villa

On the trip, she falls in love with an old, crumbling villa called "Bramasole," and impulsively buys it because she wants a new life, is tired of running away, and wants to cast away her fears by settling down in the quiet countryside.

All set to turn over a new leaf, Francesca hires a family of Polish carpenters who help her restore the old villa. This restoration phase becomes the backdrop to and metaphor for her emotional recovery. Just as the old villa needed a major overhaul, Francesca slowly changes her life by forming bonds with the people around her—and, in so doing, experiences the magical joy of new friendships and romance.

It is these people who provide comparisons and contrasts that teach Francesca invaluable lessons in life: The young Polish carpenter who falls in love with her teenage Italian neighbor, despite the consternation of the latter's family, teaches Francesca about the power of juvenile love and its capacity to beat the odds.

Her best friend Patti (Sandra Oh), who was abandoned by her lesbian lover because she got tired of their relationship, also teaches her that friendship is sometimes more enduring than ephemeral romance.

Childlike innocence

She also befriends the flamboyant but mysterious Katherine (Lindsay Duncan) who teaches her the importance of never losing her childlike innocence.

And Marcello (Raoul Bova), a handsome café owner and antiques dealer who eventually becomes Francesca's lover and first major post-divorce heartbreak, teaches her the difference between being hurt and becoming bitter.

These lessons are not verbalized, yet the characters' actions clearly make their instructive points. The film is also full of symbols—from season changes, to railroads and faucets, the audience can grasp its messages of patience, persistence and hope.

Diane Lane delivers a textured and felt performance as the intelligent and reflective Francesca, whose life gradually shifts from misery to joy and hope, in her struggle to build a new life in a foreign land.

Alluring beauty

The film vivifies the restorative power of a rural idyll, with the alluring beauty of the Tuscan countryside serving as a miraculous antidote that not only heals, but hastens the process of spiritual and emotional rebirth.

In picturesque vineyards, vibrant markets and gastronomic delights, Francesca discovers that the process of change isn't just a function of time, but can also be attributed to the way the human senses react to the warm hues of nature.

In fact, no one will leave the theater without vowing to visit breathtaking Italy at least once in his life.

In these scenes, director Wells underscores the message that, when we open our hearts to the many possibilities of change, even the bitter past can be thrown into the dustbin of memories.

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Philippine World Heritage Sites showcased

By Noelani Torre

WE are ashamed to say that, before watching the "Legacy: Philippine World Heritage Sites" video, we only had a vague idea of what our sites were, and what being such a site meant. A production of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), this 48-minute video has served to remedy that lack in our education, and for that we are thankful.

Tour

Written and narrated by noted architect and conservationist Augusto "Toti" Villalon, "Legacy" takes us on a tour of the eight World Heritage Sites in the Philippines. But, before anything else, what *is* a World Heritage Site?

In 1972, the United Nations held a World Heritage convention that decreed the conservation of significant natural and cultural sites which have universal value.

As of July this year, 750 such sites have been named, and eight of them are in our country.

Villalon takes us first to Palawan, where two of these sites are located. The first is the Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park, which covers 33,200 hectares and is the Philippines' largest marine habitat.

It entered the World Heritage list in 1993 and, basing our assumption on the shots of the beautiful underwater environment, is still quite pristine. The reefs aren't only pretty to look at, but their continuing existence also means continuing food security for future generations.

Next stop

Next stop is the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, which has the largest underground river in the world. Spanning 22,000 hectares, the Park contains various ecosystems and is home to numerous species of plants and animals that are endemic to Palawan. It also has stunning limestone rock formations called karst.

VILLALON. Erudite but quietly passionate style.

From Palawan, Villalon takes us further north to our third site, the breathtaking Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras. Covering 20,000 square kilometers and extending across five provinces, the terraces are the most extensive of their kind in the world and have been called "a living cultural landscape" by Unesco.

The fourth site, Vigan, brings us closer to the present. This historic town, one of the few World Heritage Sites we have seen, is "the best preserved example of a planned Spanish town in Asia."

Adaptation and amalgamation

Though generally viewed as Spanish, Villalon points out that Vigan also reflects strong Mexican and Chinese influences. And the adaptation and amalgamation of these diverse influences is distinctively Pinoy.

The last four sites are grouped together under one label—the Baroque Churches of the Philippines. These are the San Agustin Church in Paoay, the Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion in Sta. Maria, the Sto. Tomas de Villanueva in Miag-ao, and Intramuros' San Agustin Church. In these churches, we can see the merger of western baroque style and its local reinterpretation, now called "earthquake baroque."

Villalon waxes almost poetic about these sites, but he never sounds phony and his sincerity shines through. We liked his erudite but quietly passionate style, though younger audiences might find it unexciting.

We also like the way that he underscores the fragility of all these precious sites. Tubbataha is in danger from foreign poachers, modernity is encroaching on Puerto Princesa Park, some buildings in Vigan are in need of immediate repair, and the churches have cracks in their walls from all the earthquakes they've weathered. The most endangered, however, are the Rice Terraces.

Endangered list

Thirty percent is in despair, and for that they has made it into the endangered list—the only one of our sites so far to be thus listed. But the problem is more than just disrepair, it's also socio-economic: More and more Ifugaos are leaving to go to the more prosperous urban areas, and the terraces are in danger of becoming unsustainable.

How do we address these problems? Villalon says that local governments are doing what they can to conserve the sites (we sense a wee bit of political primping here), but what we must do is to cultivate our own awareness of their irreplaceable value, not only to us Filipinos, but also to the rest of the world. If you still aren't convinced, we suggest you take a look at this informative video.

As a CEO, I spend countless hours on the job making decisions and getting things done. But sometimes, the real work gets done when I think about what kids really want, and that's where I get lots of help from my youngest daughter Monica. It's funny how now that I reflect upon how I run things in the company, I realize ***" I may be the CEO, but...***

Joey with Monica

My boss is my seven-year old "

Yup! She is. In a way, she and other kids like her have a lot of say on how we develop our products. They decide whether the milk is too sweet, the juice too sour, the ice cream too creamy. And they're usually right.

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Getting Monica to drink juice was easy. Getting her to finish it was again, a different story. She could never finish the regular-sized Tetra Paks. Half the juice simply went to waste. So instead of forcing kids to finish their drink through threats or rewards, we made Sunkist Sunkids, Sunkist in smaller Tetra Paks made just right for kids like Monica. She approved of the idea immediately and it didn't hurt that the product also became less expensive.

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I love my Monica, as much as I do all my kids. She's my strength, my inspiration, my passion. She's my kid. She's also my boss.

Joey

Joey Concepcion
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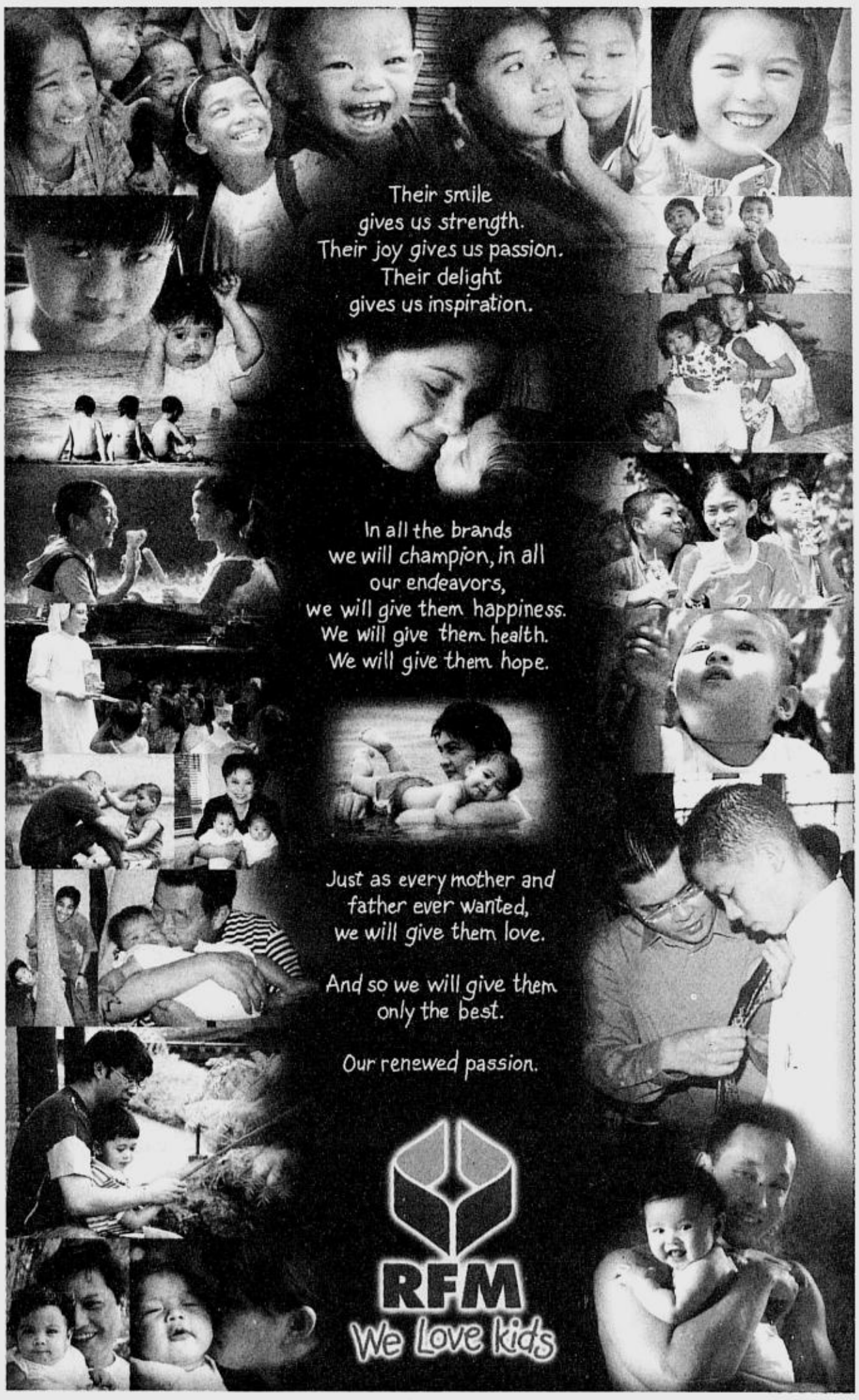

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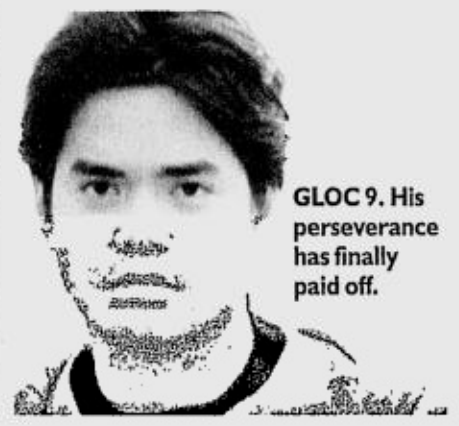

GLOC 9. His perseverance has finally paid off.

GLOC 9

New rap artist on the block

By Andy P. Bais

ONE need not be a rap music fanatic to spot a good rap artist. We found this out when we chanced upon rapper Gloc 9 performing in a mall show to promote his debut album under Star Records.

Young audience

His young audience responded warmly to his original numbers. But for us who don't really groove to rap music, he was amazing in the way he rapped—in rapid-fire fashion, without missing beat and rhythm, and without sacrificing clarity.

Gloc 9 is Aries Pollisco's monicker, thought up by his rapper friends. "Actually, *ang* Gloc 9 *ay isang uri ng baril,*" he says. We thought his friends were right in coming up with a name to appropriately describe his ack-ack rapping style.

Love affair

Gloc 9's love affair with rap music started when he was 12 years old. Then he joined rap contests on radio—that's where he met friends who introduced him to the business.

His first break came in 1997, when he inked a recording contract with Viva Records. It was not a solo stint, however. This collaboration resulted in three albums, but the partnership ended because of personal differences.

And it was back to square one for Gloc 9. "I worked as a waiter and a kitchen helper in fast food restaurants," he recalls.

But the experience didn't stop him from writing new material. If anything, it made him a better artist. "*Doon lumawak ang pananaw ko sa* realities in life. *Mas naging* sensitive *ako* with my lyrics. *Dati, puro galit lang.* After that episode of my life, *may lalim na ang mga sinusulat ko,*" he says.

Demo tape

His perseverance paid off when Enrico Santos of Star Records got hold of his demo tape and liked what he heard. He was tapped to write songs for the soundtrack of Star Cinema's "Trip" and "Jologs."

His collaboration with musicians Mike and Angelo Villegas and singer Cookie Chua on "Bakit" proved successful when the song made it to the finals in last year's Himig Handog song-writing competition.

Then, he recorded his self-titled album. Once, Gloc 9 had to wait for Francis Magalona for four hours just to see him perform. Now, he relishes the fact that Francis has become a friend. He even goes to Magalona's house, where they record songs together.

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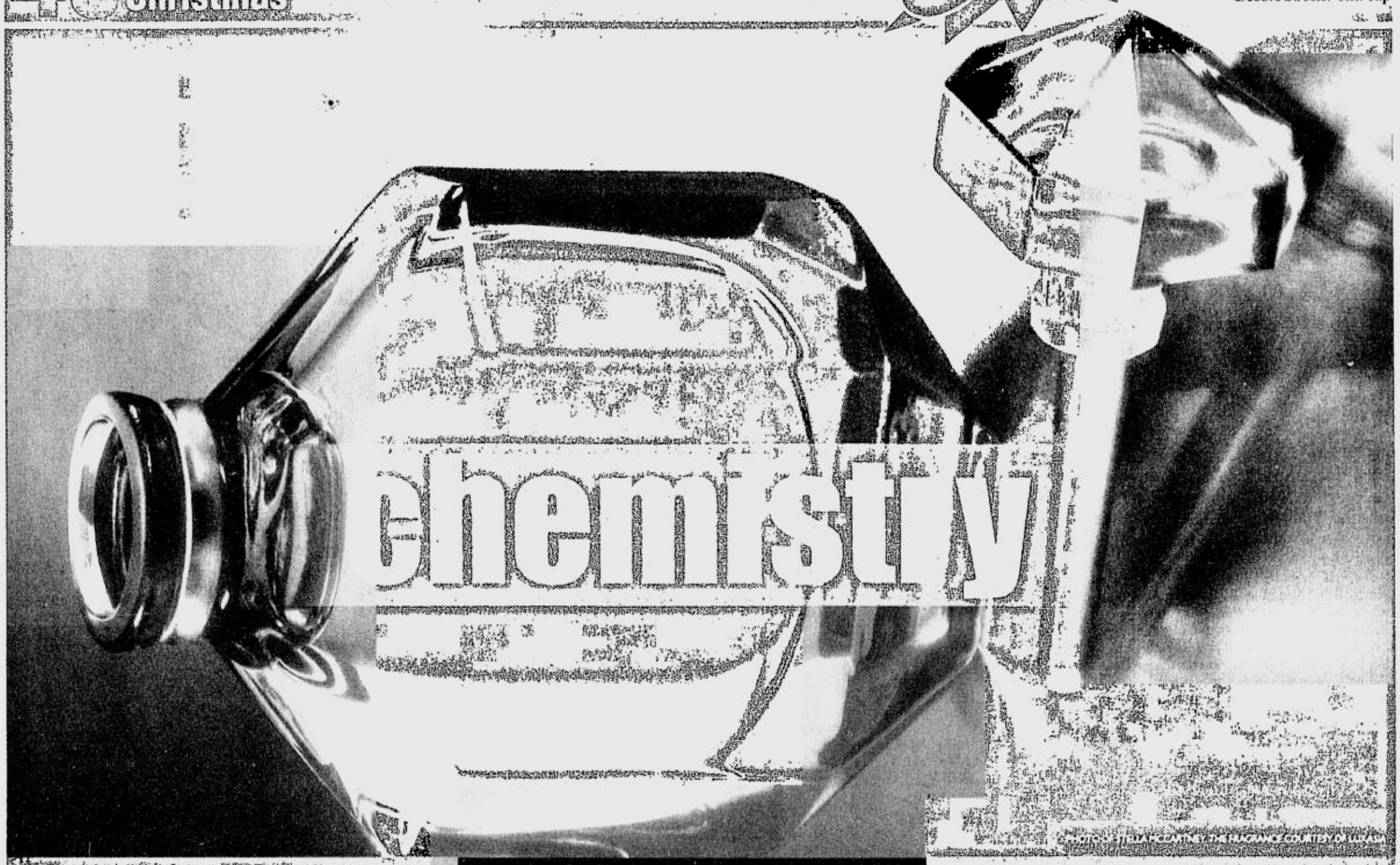

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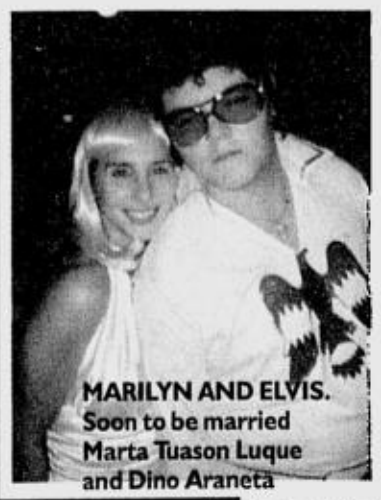

MARILYN AND ELVIS. Soon to be married Marta Tuason Luque and Dino Araneta

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RUBY'S GEM. Ruby Gan and her son at Greenbelt 3

BBC BOOTYLICIOU Kara Tolentino as Beyonce

POST HALLOWEEN ROUND UP

Crypt hop

By Tim Yap

From house parties to mall monsters to a s-Cream fest, urban Manila went all out to parade their inner freaks and alter egos—and the Halloween freak show began.

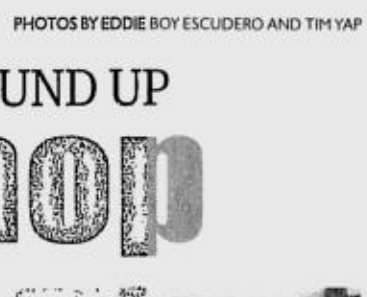
A day before All Hallow's Eve, the hop took me to Dino Araneta's house and Dreambar, where scenesters in their costumed glory started to howl. The next day before hopping over to Greenbelt's "Rock and Royalty" Ball, I hopped over to H salon, where, under Henri Calayag's magic hands, I transformed into T. Diddy, complete with rockstar god outfit by young designer Ivarluski Aseron, armed with a posse of homeboys and homegals—yo!

My friend Tals spotted a tsinito guy who was wearing funky clothes with matching boa and a stuffed toy pinned to his shirt—he came as... me!

A motley crew of ghosts, ghouls and rockstars greeted me as I did the Halloween round up of parties that night. The third level of Greenbelt 3 reverberated with DJ Scrambled Edge Pamute and Benjo Marquez' music, with sets by Jun Jun Ablaza. Tessa Prieto-Valdes, who came from judging the Miss Earth costume fete, came with her won posse as well—of Tessa decoys—all wearing her past costumes.

After a drink at Nuvo, I jumped to the NBC Tent where the Cream Halloween Ball had DJ Tuck Cheah and DJ Danny Rampling shaking the whole crowd—guys in drag, glam geishas and happy hipsters all in non-sober states.

We know what you did last Halloween...



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WHERELSE, BIG FISH? DJ Tuck Cheah and Marcel Crespo

PICK OR PEAK. Ali Peek at The Rock and Royalty Halloween Ball

SWEET SEXY THING. John Lapus at the Cream party

CROSS CATS. Doy Tan, Osang Yulo and Jackie Forster at NBC Tent

TENSHUN! Direk Robbie Carmona calls the shots

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H SALON TRANSFORMATION. Henri Calayag in full Halloween regalia at H Salon

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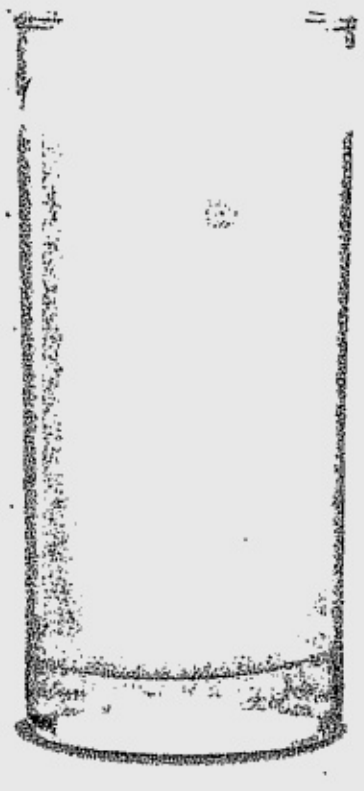

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GEISHA GLAM TRIO. A bedful of treats in the streets of Malate

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I'LL suck the blood out of you. Jay Santos before going to Bed

STREET SURFING. Mamang Sorbetero, what happened to you?

The Freak Show

By Jay Santos
Photos by Niccolo Cosme

MALATE'S Halloween parties are always a scream and a half.

It always reminds me of the traditional revelry in New York City's West Village, where creepy creatures would just leap onto the street from dark corners and alleys. Here is a journal of some of the things I saw last Friday on the streets of Manila's infamous partyspot.

12 midnight

I walked through the front pitch-red doors of Bed, that wicked little gay club, and the door tramp greeted me: "Welcome to hell." I snarled at her and proceeded to pull back the black drapes concealing the dance floor. I stood in a corner for a second, taken aback by the sight of steam rising up from a swarm of freaks in Goth costumes. The vampire theme was a hit; I was in the right place. As I made my way up the staircase to the second level, past candelabras and rotting twigs and vines on the steel balustrade, a cute guy caught my arm and asked where my costume was. "Here it is!" I said, taking off my shirt to reveal the cross pendant on my chest, lifting my shades to reveal blood-red eyes, and opening my mouth to threaten him with two large fangs. He was scared witless. Upstairs, a coven of vampires sipped bloody cocktails while others chased plain-clothed losers away from the VIP room. DJs Kevin Ruiz and Travis Monsod blanketed the gathering with their deepest, darkest house tracks, making the entire club look like a scene from "Blade."

2:30 a.m.

Time to check the party outside. At Maligno, the black party on the Orosa Strip just outside Bed, the freaks were a little more cheery. DJs David Jacob, Patch, and Cocoy Puyat spun their own brand of house for the screaming little horror puppets on the dance floor. I couldn't help but notice, though, how repulsive the boys dancing on the podium were. "Maybe that was their costume? Construction workers?" one of the drag queens whispered to another diva in silver as they tried to break away from the pack of impersonators dancing, huddled together as if afraid they might get pelted with rocks. But it was all good. No riots or bottle-hurling. This is Malate, where even the vendor selling dirty ice cream was in full drag regalia.

4 a.m.

Hours later I espied someone in a Dumbo costume lighting up a joint while crouching beside his car to hide himself. So that's how that elephant learned to fly. After a few minutes I saw a kickboxer giving his mummy a kiss, and overheard three big geishas giggling. Apparently they were all heading for Bed to have their necks torn off by vampires and then take pictures of themselves peeing at the men's urinal standing up. Wackos.

6 a.m.

The night ground to a halt as the sun slowly crept up. Vampires, cowboys, angels, aliens, bloodied-up nurses, ghosts, ghouls, goblins, grim reapers, pirates, and little devils took the long crawl back to the closets. This thought brought a smile to my face as I took off my red eyes and fangs in my own bathroom. See you all at next year's freak show!

HAUNTED COUTURE. The street fashion parade that is Maria Orosa in Malate

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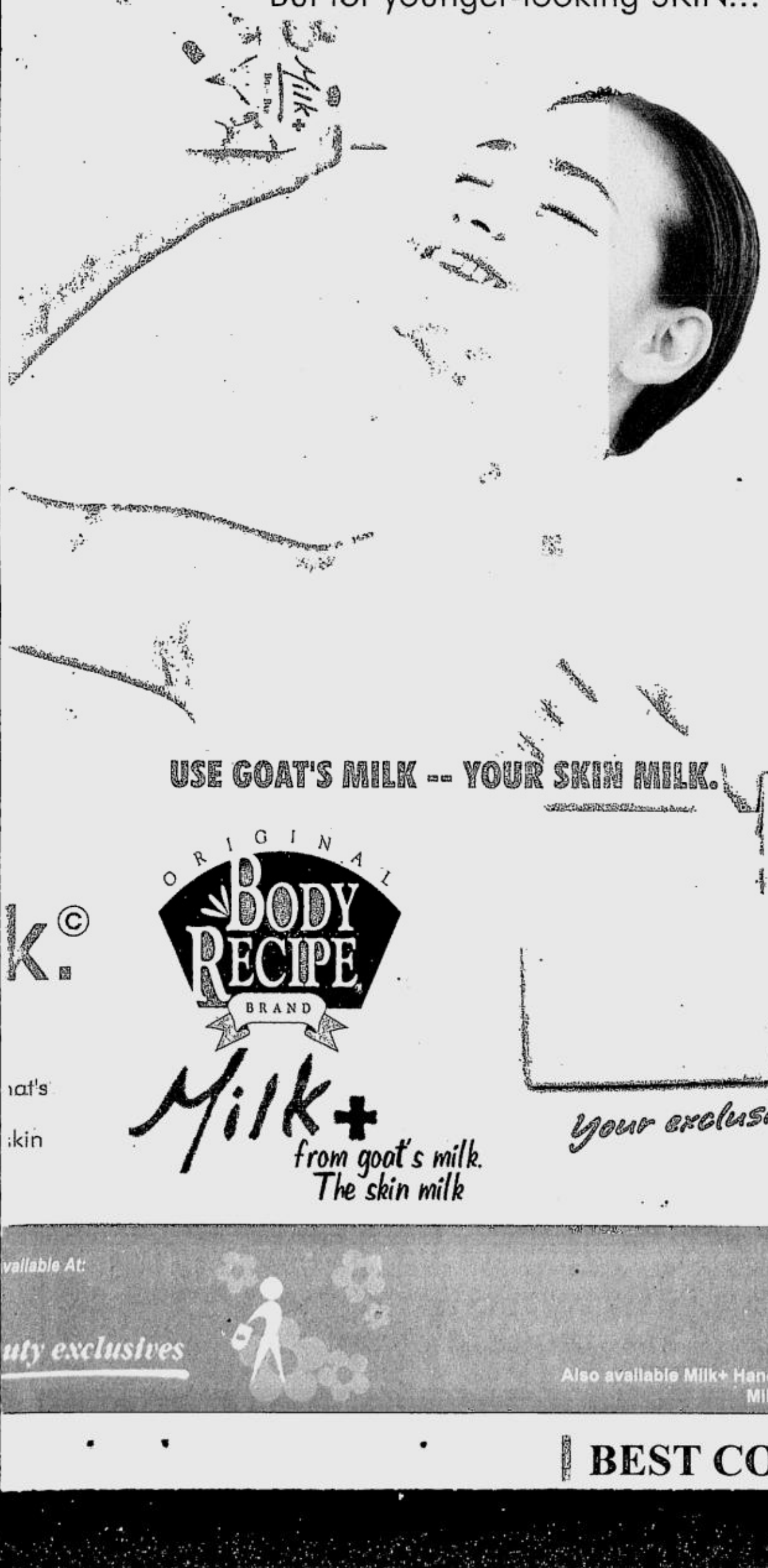

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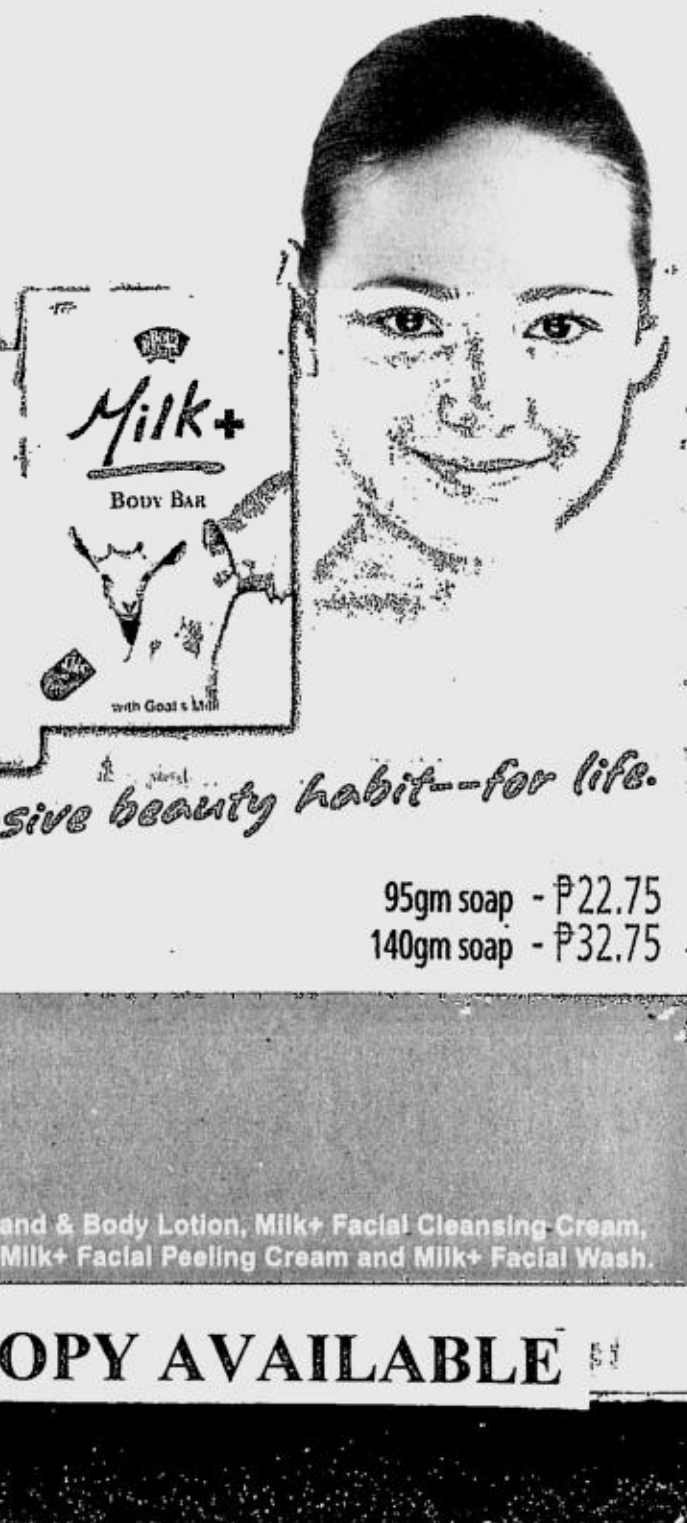

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A Musical Tour of Gen X History

By Aye Ubaldo

WHAT is with The Mongols? Their debut album Buddha's Pest is a thirteen-song summation of music from the late 20th century to the the present. You've got your '80s angst, glam and pop; '90s grunge, thrash metal and rap; and early 21st century hip-hop, techno and ambient. Generation X, listen to the soundtrack of your lives.

The band members' age range accounts for their diverse musical gurus. The Mongols are Jesus "Dizzy" Ventura (*Di ba si* Ely Buendia E. *yon? Oo!*) on guitars and vocals, Jerome "the boy who fell to earth" Velasco a.k.a. J. Astro on guitars, Yan Yuzon on bass and vocals and Bogs Jugo on drums.

Buddha's Pest is a disconcerting album, and I say this with respect and admiration. Just when listening to "Bulakbol" had become unnecessary because it was already in the loop in your head, the REM-ish Your Bushido literally slices through your stupor like a gleaming diamond. It is a gem of a song.

(Another song that historically pinpoints age is Irish Spring, which we recall as "Manly yes, but I like it, too!") The album features filler reminiscent of The Police's instrumental production for the soundtrack of the movie Brimstone and Treacle.

The musical diversity on this album is remarkable, and the obvious influences speak of the band members' excellent tastes. Ventura's lyrics are catchy and often unpredictable, and they can't help but stick to your brain pan. "On Bakit nga ba" he poses a question that is either silly or profound:

"Bakit nga ba ang pusa tumatawid kahit bawal mag-jaywalking?" Later he asks, *"Bakit nga ba kailangan tapusin ang sinasabi?" "Bakit nga ba"* is tricky, and brilliantly so.

Oddeven combines a well-crafted melody with elusive lyrics. It's a touchy-feely song, with the air of a private joke that you don't quiet understand. Listen to the eerie repetition of the line, "Oddeven ba ngayon?" Is Ventura questioning someone's vapid, pendulum-dependent decision-making? What??!!!

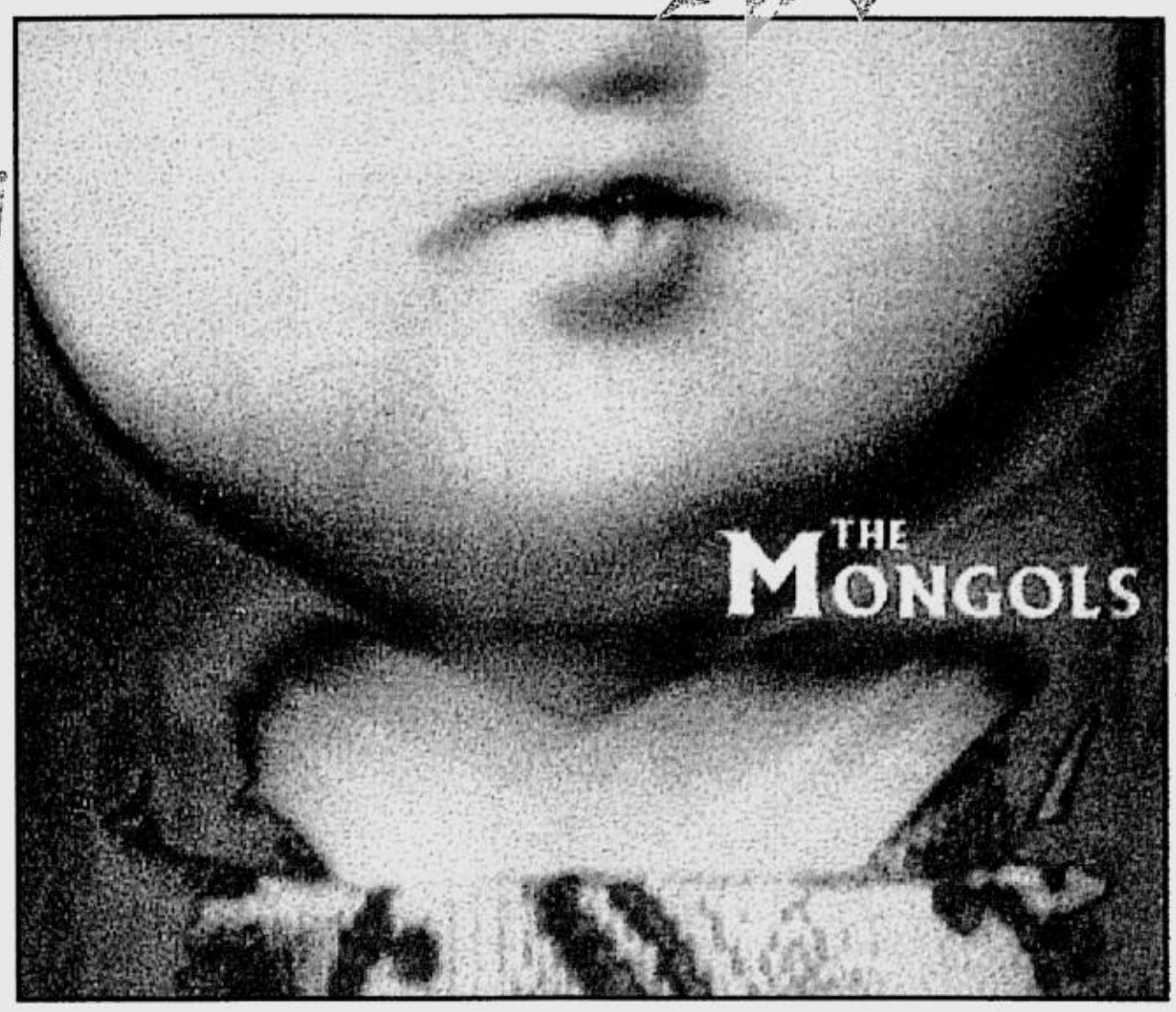
"It's Over" (obviously sung by Yan Yuzon) and "Teka Muna" are standard radio-friendly Pinoy pop-rock. Pony ("We all deserve a little bit more") is so petulant, even J. Astro's guitars plead for respite ‹from sounding too much like Billy Corgan's. And that's a compliment. The song is so smooth and flowing, nothing can get it off track. That's its art.

"Candyflip" follows in the footsteps of Dave Grohl, post-Nirvana, but sections of the song fuse grunge and, yet again, Smashing Pumpkins. "Candyflip" is like listening to the soundtrack of Singles, that movie that sorta-kinda defined (coiffured and clothed) Generation X for the movie audience.

Buddha's Pest is a showcase of musical diversity and virtuosity. While the members are not entirely neophytes to the recording industry, the musical artistry they exhibit is still full of raw, unadulterated passion, just enough to infuse the album with an almost tangible vibrancy. J. Astro's masterful guitars complement the songs' movement, and provide most of the album's exuberant atmosphere.

I am told that name of the band refers to the 13th century Khan clan Genghis, Mangu and Kublai (No, Chaka, Madeleine and Odette were not their wives), the only successful conquerors of China, and in Kublai's case, the only non-Chinese to rule over the land. That, plus the Chinese deity of choice, accounts for the album title, Buddha's Pest.

The Mongols, the 21st century band, must be thankful the Japanese occupied only the coastal provinces of China. If not they might've considered an altogether different band name. Like, Hello Kitty.



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More than 24 HOURS with the Miss Earth contestants

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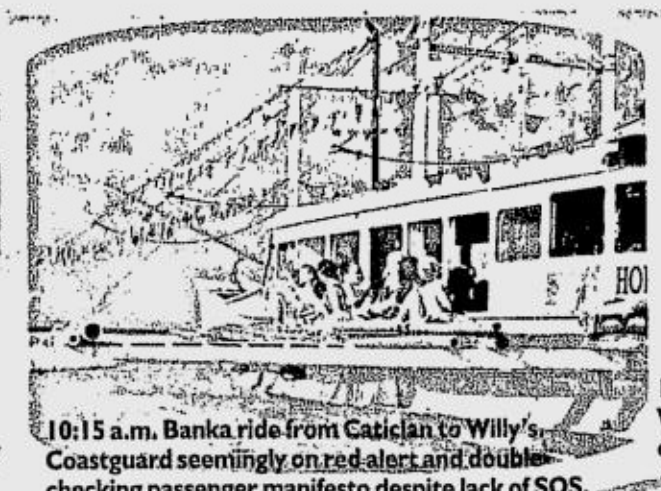
cause" beyond the contest proper. Together they prove that IQ measuring up to impressive vital statistics spells truly wonderful. Was 48 hours enough? Hardly. We'd go for a full week anytime.

One thousand seven hundred and seven islands, 46 ladies, one worthy cause and one lucky guy

10 a.m. Arrival from Manila. There's one more seat, who wants it?



10:15 a.m. Banka ride from Caticlan to Willy's. Coastguard seemingly on red alert and double-checking passenger manifesto despite lack of SOS.

11 a.m. Scientists notice phenomenon of Global Warming from the islands of the Philippines as contestants hit the white beach.

1 p.m. Tado, starts to shoot with the candidates proving some guys are luckier than others. Jealous onlookers suspect instant retakes are purpose.

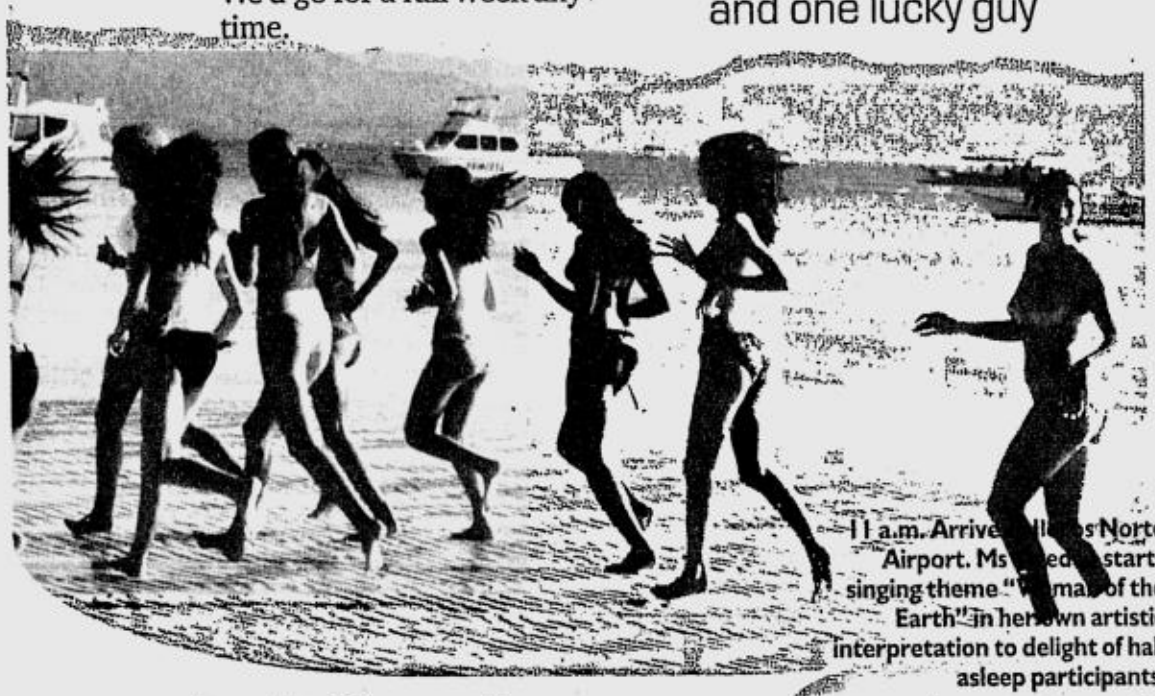
SHE WORKS HARD for that body... so you better treat her right

MS EARTH, beauties with a cause

LUCKY ME. Enjoying my moments with Ms Panama

12 p.m. Ms Brazil raises the flag at honorary visit to City Hall.

2 a.m. Hey Jude goes crazy as ladies stage a coup, taking over supplies of drinks and even sequesters the DJ booth.



11 a.m. Arrive[illegible]s Norte Airport. Ms [illegible]ed starts singing theme "[illegible]mal of the Earth" in her own artistic interpretation to delight of half asleep participants.

COURTESY CALL. Hello? Anybody home?

HOTTAH, HOTTAH! Ms Brazil is here, voila!

4:20 p.m. Ms Earth contestants going knee deep in mud to assure a bumper crop this season.

A WARM Filipino welcome to showcase to the world our unique hospitality.

1 p.m. Ms Columbia shows how to putt a birdie on a par 3 course.

3:30 p.m. Participants plant a seed today so that others may harvest tomorrow.

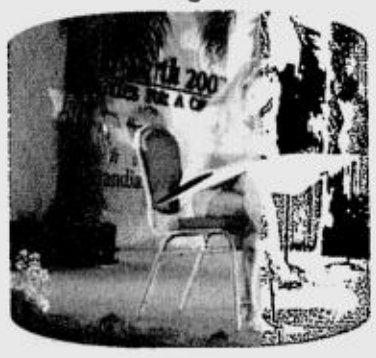
6:30 p.m. Ms Argentina showing us that size matters when choosing to go organic.

7 p.m. Citizens of [illegible] Norte dress their children [illegible] mini-me versions of the [illegible]t's countries.

2:30 p.m. Talented dancers p[illegible]rm at Serrat to welcome contestants. Impressive show is a reflection of NCCA efforts paying off in the North.

5:40 p.m. Learning about Philippine dances Pavlov style.

FORMER beauty queen Peachy Veneracion with a Ms Earth contestant



12 p.m. Talent contestants put on an impressive show that takes our breath away, furthering speculation who among the equally gifted will win in the final competition on Nov. 9

AFTER HOURS

Compiled by Adrian Cuenca

SATURDAY, NOV. 8:

Nuvo: Electrolounge with Scrambled Edge and Don Renato (jazz, brasilia and broken beat)

Acquario: Erwin Edralin (deep & funky house)

Dreambar: Circo Loco with Manolet Dario (progressive house) and percussionist Fritz Barth

Wherelse?: R&B and Hip Hop

Absinth: Pump with Joe Henzon & Carlo Ching (tech-house)

Tiananmen Bar and Resto: Couch Culture by Couch Lab (Chill Out, Balearic)

Wasabi: Saturd80's, New wave and dance music from the era with DJ Luis and DJ Jojo

Olive: The Boiler Room with Nicky Jurado (Hard Dance), Owens Sun (Progressive house) and Myk Tolentino (Progressive, tech-house)

Fidel: Velvet Mafia with Cocoy Puyat (house) and Bingo Ang

TUESDAY, NOV. 11:

Temple: Goodlife Tuesdays with Steve Mills & Paolo Cabalfin (R&B)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12:

Absinth: Smooth Wednesdays with Steve Mills (R&B, hip hop)

Flute: Johnny Walker presents: Walk on the House Side with DJ Patch (funky house)

Olive: Syrup with Lester Castillo (R&B) & guest DJs

THURSDAY, NOV. 13:

Temple: Yin Yang, a sonic fusion of RnB and House music with Kevin Ruiz.

Olive: Freeflow with Myk Tolentino & guest DJs

Azzurro: Plush Thursdays with Steve Mills (R&B)

Ice Vodka Bar: Groove Sanctuary with Elian Habayeb (New York deep house)

FRIDAY, NOV. 14:

Restaurant 12: 12 after 12 with Chip de la Calzada (sexy, deep house and lounge)

Dreambar: Decadance with Boyet Almazan ('80s and '90s)

Wasabi: Vibe Fridays with Steve Mills (R&B)

Acquario: Erwin Edralin (Deep & funky house).

Tiananment Bar & Resto: Couch Culture by Couch Lab (Chill Out, Balearic)

Olive: Essential (the anthems 1999-2001) with Anthony Kierulf, Jay Tengco and Jon & Marc Naval.

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Love in the time of chemicals

OUT THE WINDOW

Tals Diaz

Clubbers then and now—how are they different? Today, wicked pharmaceuticals are used, rightly or wrongly, in the quest for night-long thrills.

ONCE upon a time, long, long ago, when the wooly mammoth ran free and sirenians swam the primordial seas, caveman Mog shot cavewoman Mag a look and suddenly felt his tummy swimming with cephalopods. Hunting for dinner ceased to be Mog's prime concern; for all his immediate thoughts were on Mag's wonderfully long, unruly hair and her gloriously ruddy skin. He was no longer his old self, as he became wont to doodling Mag's face with fruit and vegetable dyes on his cave walls. He even resorted to stalking her like a sabre-tooth tiger.

Then, at the local cave party one night, he finally met Mag. After imbibing some potent kelp extract, he gathered enough guts to express his strange feelings for her. Thereupon Mag beamed him a bright, yellowing toothy grin in reciprocated affection. Feeling utterly like Gondwanaland's champion bison-hunter, he hit her hard on the head with his wooden club.

Thus began the beautiful love story of history's first clubbers.

Fast forward to billions of days later, plus a few continental shifts here and there, we see clubbers reincarnated everywhere—from Ibiza's sun-drenched beaches to New York's well-hidden hotspots, to Longstreet in Capetown and the dizzying streets of old Manila. The pursuit is similar, the primal feelings of love and obsession constant, heck, even the uncivilized behavior is oddly familiar. Except now the basic plot has evolved from the typical boy-meets-girl to such permutations as boy-meets-boy and girl-meets-girl. Of course, in the continuing process of evolution, it has also come to pass that a little branch of science called Chemistry has concocted some wicked pharmacological wonders meant to aid man in his unending quest for true love (or at least, night-long thrills of infatuation). Welcome to love in the chemical age.

Experimentation

I can only imagine the faces of hopelessly stricken lovers, poets, romantics and teenage admirers of Prince William everywhere, when they get the latest e-mail from the scientific community, with the subject heading, "Love is a chemical reaction."

It outlines recent evidence offered by a team of neurologists to show that a specific area of the brain is activated when a person is in that wondrous state called love. The brain's medial insula actually heats up, and since that part is connected to the gut, it triggers off that strange, whirly feeling in the beer belly known as "butterflies in the stomach."

So what's so perplexing about this little downloaded info? Well, since science has basically whittled down that baffling human emotion into a neurological process, there is now talk of potentially producing a true-blue love drug, an authentic aphrodisiac without the side effects. It's just a matter of finding the right mix of chemicals to trigger the "love section" of the brain, and soon the person will be singing cheesy Kenny Loggins songs in no time. The drug will simulate those feelings that anyone with a heart knows only too well: the intoxicated, absurdly high and happy feeling that the world is so right.

But will the world be so right? Imagine what shopping at Mercury Drug will be like, say, two decades from now, should this drug actually be produced and peddled. There, on the shelf right between Viagra and Hirudoid, you'll find some purchaseable pills of Love. Even those midnight trips to the medicine cabinet will never be the same. Headache? Take Biogesic. Muscle ache? Alaxan. Heartache? Take two pills of Aphrodisiax and call her in the morning.

Ecstatic

It may sound absurd, but if you think about the phenomenal demand for that little wonder pill-slash-party favor called Ecstasy that's used and abused by thousands of pleasure-seekers every weekend, it's not an impossibility.

Way before hedonistic night owls discovered the sensuous and sympathetic properties of E and gave it such funky names like Blue Dolphins, Magic Beans, Hercules, Mitsubishis, Pink Safe Sexes and Diamond Boxes, the drug MDMA was first patented by the German pharmaceutical company Merck on Christmas Eve in 1914. MDMA remained relatively unknown until the 1960s, when it was used by psychiatrists to treat multiple personality disorders and aid troubled married couples.

E soon found its way from the clinics to the clubs in the early 1980s, and shot up to dizzying heights of popularity when the rave subculture hit its peak in the '90s. Despite its seemingly harmless, shiny-happy-people effect, it is still a dangerous drug that causes injury to the brain because of the excessive amounts of the pleasure hormone serotonin produced.

In spite of all the warnings, young people continue to take a gamble in exchange for an eight-hour euphoria. As in all drugs, the effects of E fade away eventually, and for some people the come-down is unbearable. For me, it can also be dangerous, because those feelings of "love" could be mistaken as real.

Addicted to love

Love has in fact been described by many a songwriter as a drug. It does make sense, for love could be addicting. A lot of people make it a habit to fall in love all the time, or convince themselves that they are in love, because in truth, it's a real high. But just like every drug, there is a crash back to reality when it wears off. Thus begins another cycle of seeking and scoring, and hoping that when it's found again, it will last.

Now, if science successfully produced a love drug without the side effects, what would the world be like? What kind of movies, books and poems will we indulge in since the mystery of that many-splendored thing will, in effect, be solved?

Part of the enigma of love is its unpredictable nature. You never plan to fall in love, or at least sane human beings shouldn't. It just happens. Even in a time when just about anything can be artificially induced or synthesized, from sleep to sex drive to human life itself, it's disturbing to think that even "that lovin' feeling" could be simulated. We could soon be living in a world where real and false would be indistinguishable.

For me, love is not just about that "high." In fact, what really defines love are its side effects. These include all the shades in the spectrum of human emotion, from the dark abyss of pain to the green-eyed beast of jealousy to the red-hot fever of passion. They paint a picture of what it is to truly *feel*. Tearing your hair out looking for the right words to put in a text message; crying so much you think it will never end until sleep takes pity; looking up at the night sky to trace a constellation for a beloved. You just know that the weird feeling inside is real, not merely a synaptic reaction triggering the heartbeat. I have faith that it goes deeper than that.

So maybe love really is all about chemistry. But it's not as complicated as everyone argues. It is but a simple formula where sparks fly from actions and reactions, and it is all based on faith. Human faith—now there's one thing that can never come in a pill.

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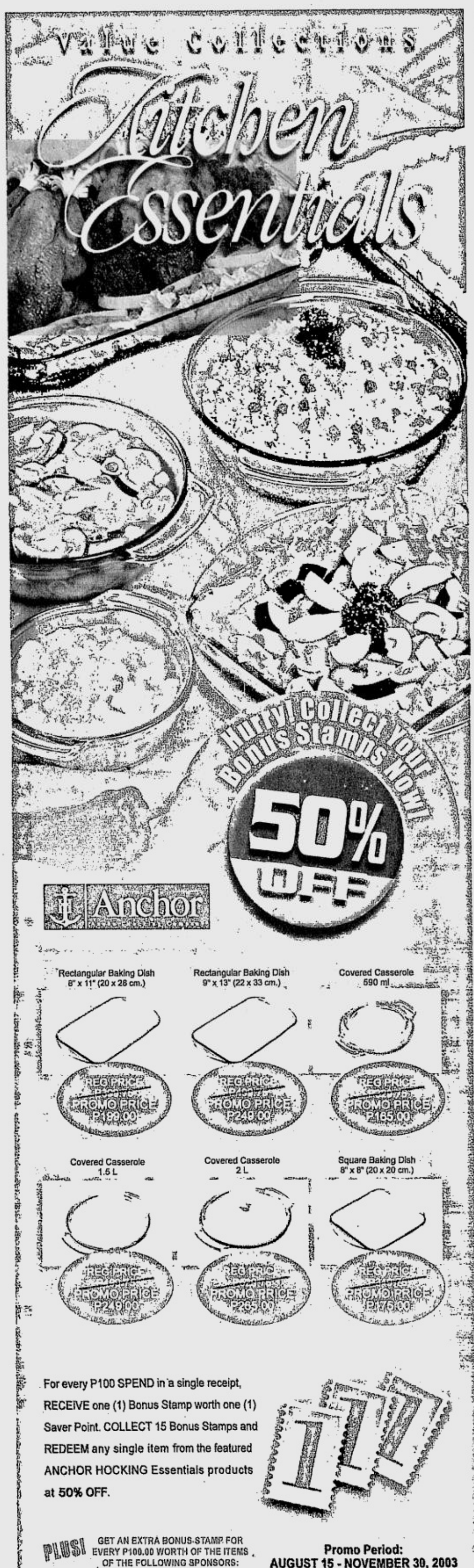
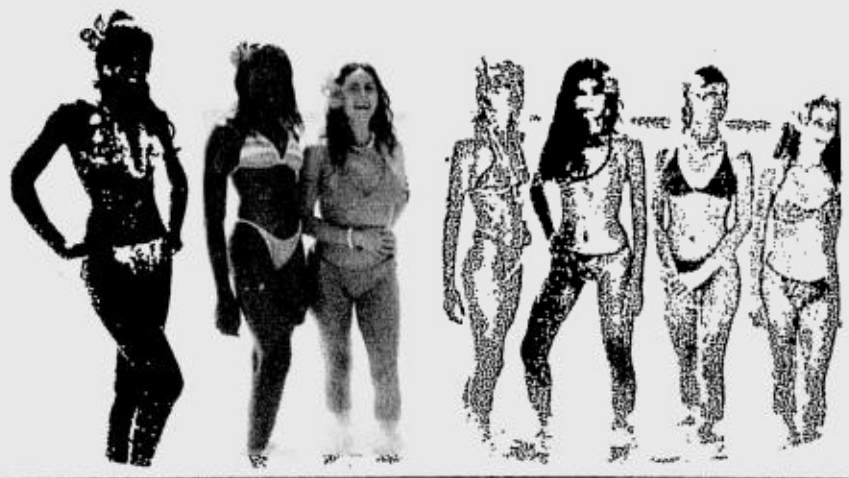
PILLS like love, love for sale



More than 24 HOURS with the Miss Earth contestants

By Illac Diaz



SUPER! sets off, enthusiastically, to be with the Ms Earth contestants for two incredible days. With this picture diary, covering a gloriously long trip from the beaches of Boracay to Fort Ilocandia in the far North, we now attempt to showcase the best of these "beauties for a

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Icons of Rediscovery

Amanda Griffin, Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Cookie Duran, Gina Alfonso and Melissa Sison — what do these five independent and successful women have in common? Aside from their unique contributions to their chosen fields, these five women all use the RED MasterCard from HSBC to help them rediscover the pleasures of being a woman. Be it shopping, culinary experiences, or trips to the spa for much-needed relaxation and pampering, the RED MasterCard from HSBC has enabled these five icons to live life to the fullest! Read on and see how RED MasterCard from HSBC helps you rediscover the joys of being a woman.

RED MasterCard ladies (left to right): Gina Alfonso, Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Melissa Sison, Cookie Duran and Amanda Griffin.

Amanda Griffin

It's always a treat to meet a pretty face. But it's an added treat when that pretty face comes with a pretty good personality to match! This is definitely what you get with Amanda Griffin. Her beauty is surpassed only by her witty, lively and down-to-earth character. Once a shy child, Amanda is now an international model, television host and VJ, and swimwear proprietor. Needless to say, achieving all these requires intelligence, hard work and self-assurance. Any successful young woman will tell you that!

Amanda loves her work and thrives in the competitive industries she has found herself in. But she also remembers to pamper herself. Taking care of yourself is key in order to be successful at whatever you pursue. Amanda knows that she has to enjoy life in order to have the energy and motivation to accomplish what she wants and more, which is why she always uses her RED MasterCard from HSBC to reward herself for the hard work she's put into her every endeavor. As they say, you only live once. So live it up, love it, and enjoy - just as Amanda has.

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

Interior designer and style maven Tessa Prieto-Valdes is a woman high on life! Her style and her sense of fashion certainly defy the typical classy and often conservative Filipina look. Her passion for expressing herself and her current mood through her appearance shows how comfortable and self-assured she is in her own skin. The wild and wacky makeup, accessories, and clothing add up to a truly exciting way to live life!

Tessa is an icon for young women today who thrive in an environment where they are relatively free to express themselves and are in fact appreciated for doing so. Tessa continuously adds to her personal belongings in order to reinvent and rediscover herself and her current mood. She knows all too well that every free-spirited and fun-loving young woman knows the value of being in touch with her true self and feelings, which is why she uses her RED MasterCard from HSBC --- to make sure she enjoys life everyday.

Cookie Duran

Capoeira is the newest activity that has hit the Philippines! But what is it exactly? How do you even pronounce it? Capoeira is actually a game. This definition is a compromise between those who see it as a martial art presented in a dance and those who see it as a dance presented as a martial art. It originated in Brazil and has since spread internationally. It's finally reached the Philippines and it's caught quite a following!

Cookie Duran is among those hooked on Capoeira. Describing herself as an IT consultant by day and a Capoeirista by night, this cosmopolitan young woman is very passionate about this Brazilian martial art. She frequently attends workshops and training sessions by professional Capoeiristas, some of whom were flown in from Brazil and Canada! Consistent with her adventurous personality, Cookie uses her RED MasterCard from HSBC to rediscover new interests like capoeira, to help her enjoy a fun and active lifestyle.

Gina Alfonso

The Cartwheel Foundation, Inc. is a charitable institution that aims to educate the less fortunate. But many people are still surprised when they finally meet the attractive young woman who started it all! Gina Alfonso founded Cartwheel Foundation, Inc., which was recognized by former President Corazon C. Aquino's People Power People Movement last August 20, 2003. Cartwheel Foundation, Inc. undertakes various programs to educate and serve indigenous people in remote areas around the country. Cartwheel Foundation's mission of setting up pre-schools is daunting. But it's desperately needed.

Coming from a long line of educators, Gina was also once a Jesuit Volunteer Philippines member and definitely holds the value of helping others close to her heart. She knows, however, that in order to take care of others, you need to take care of yourself too. That's why, like other motivated and concerned young women, Gina uses her RED MasterCard from HSBC to rejuvenate herself in order to give back to her community. After all, what comes around goes around!

Melissa Sison

Best known for owning and running MYLK in Greenbelt 3, Melissa Sison is definitely a dynamic young woman with an impressive level of education and experience.

Melissa has travelled three continents to enrich herself intellectually and to constantly rediscover her love for culinary pleasures. Working in various places around the world has further enhanced Melissa's gastronomic knowledge. She was hailed by the Philippine Daily Inquirer as Manila's Top 5 Bravest Chefs as well as the Philippines' Most Promising Chef in 1999 and 2000 respectively. She is currently owner and chef of Salumeria Café and My Little Kitchen, fondly known as MYLK in Makati City.

Melissa's passion for cooking has attuned her to the value of constant rediscovery. Be it the newest dressing to the latest way to prepare pastas, she has not stopped appreciating the many wonders of the culinary profession. And as she constantly rediscovers her love for her chosen field, she has also rediscovered the RED MasterCard from HSBC, which has been the perfect companion for her gastronomic adventures.

Discover more about RED MasterCard and these icons of Rediscovery on 14 November 2003!

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Social chemistry and other disasters

Man about town

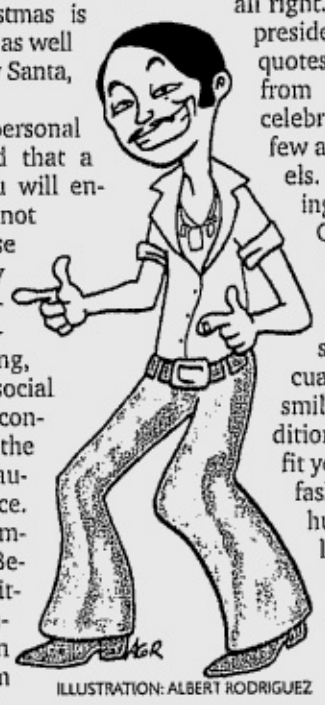
Ask me!

Dear Man About Town,

I was recently dumped by my girlfriend, her reason being that she was not ready for a committed relationship. I suspect that the real reason is that I may be too "boring" for her. How can I revamp my image to be much more appealing and exciting?

The very fact that you even consider yourself personality-disadvantaged is sufficient evidence to suggest you are correct. Do you find yourself competing for attention with a glass of mineral water? Are you intimidated by the strong presence of a fire hydrant? Are people able to compute to 16 places of Pi before they remember your name? If you've answered yes to any of these, then you are a confirmed bore. Before you hurl yourself off that bridge, keep three things in mind: 1) you are not alone; most people are quite boring; 2) it is possible to change; and 3) if you must jump, be creative.

Further confirmation that you have plumbed the depths of self-esteem is that you have resorted to asking me, a complete stranger, to revitalize your love life. Buddy, a writer is a vagrant, not Viagra. Oh well, Christmas is around the corner so I might as well chalk up one good deed. Hey Santa, are you listening?



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Countless surveys and personal experience have confirmed that a majority of the people you will encounter in your life are just not that interesting. If the reverse was true, then everybody would be attracted to everybody else, resulting in orgiastic sessions of lovemaking, equality across every social board, and world peace—consequently condemning the newspaper industry and beauty pageants to obsolescence. The truth is, most people simply tolerate one another. Besides, "appealing and exciting" are relative concepts—these adjectives can describe everything from Disneyland to circumcision.

The most important adage to keep in mind is that you cannot please everybody. Nobody in the considerable compendium of human history has ever been able to achieve universal appeal. Jesus and Gandhi had a few detractors; chances are, you will be no different. Thus we should heed the immortal words inscribed in the Gospel according to Ogilvy & Mather: identify your target market. One has to assess the circumstance very carefully before any modifications should even be suggested. In your case, you're trying to zest up your personality to bolster future romantic opportunities and/or show your last girlfriend what a stupid cow she was for leaving you.

The first step to rehabilitate your image is, be as socially visible as possible. Nothing buries the dead faster than absence, so make sure you're above ground at all times. Sip a lychee martini at Nuvo, buy a shaker of Kamikazees at Capone's, laugh at jokes at the Comfort Room, enjoy "Kidlat" in Alabang. The point is to make sure you're up and about, mingling, talking, sharing gossip and generally having fun. It doesn't matter if no one knows who the hell you are, as long as the illusion of ubiquity is achieved. Pretty soon, people will begin to associate your face with the concept of nightlife, the polite nods and smiles will follow, and eventually, somebody will *have* to remember your name. Resist the urge to introduce yourself; mystery, more than affability, fuels interest. Consider FPJ.

Once a basic sense of omnipresence has been established, stage two can be implemented. Soon, all the other nocturnal denizens will want to know: Who is that Fundador man? When introductions are finally made, it is imperative that the first impression is crafted precisely, and sustained until three o'clock in the morning or until the Scotch runs out. Never reveal more than you have to, never take an inflexible stand on anything, and for God's sake, never speak of religion, politics or "Meteor Garden." Nothing destroys a first impression faster than these, excluding fits of flatulence. An attitude of reserved confidence generates a strong aura, compelling nosy sycophants everywhere to try their luck at getting to know the "real" you. At all costs, avoid exposing the "real" you. Remember, you are a boring person.

Stage three requires feigning brilliance and sensitivity, absolute necessities for an intriguing personality. Given that you are requesting advice from my column, I think it would be safe to assume that you are neither. But that's all right. We elected Joseph Estrada to the presidency, didn't we? Memorize a few quotes from Oscar Wilde, several verses from Shakespeare, name-drop a few celebrities you've never met, and invent a few adventures from your fictional travels. A potent line would have you saying something like, "While I was at Corsica, trading insights on the lost texts of Foucault with Piolo Pascual ..." If someone calls your bluff, just give the doubter a wry smile and say something in Latin. If Piolo Pascual calls your bluff, give him a wry smile and get the hell out of there. Additional measures can be accessorized to fit your new reincarnation. Flamboyant fashion sense, shrill laughter, obscure humor and lapses into brooding silence can all create lasting impressions. Be warned that such additives may get you more than you bargained for, as the line between interesting and irritating is a fine one.

I must confess, none of these tips have ever worked for myself, which is why I am sitting at home entertaining letters from the likes of you. At best, they may actually be substantial suggestions. At worst, you may have to go back to the drawing board, consuming self-help books and learning to "love yourself." In any case, I'm pretty sure your ex-girlfriend will hear about your new lifestyle. But whether this renews her interest in you, or confirms what a loser you are, depends on how healthy *her* self-esteem is. If it's any consolation, I sit at home most nights pondering why the world doesn't love me.

So ... can I text you sometime?

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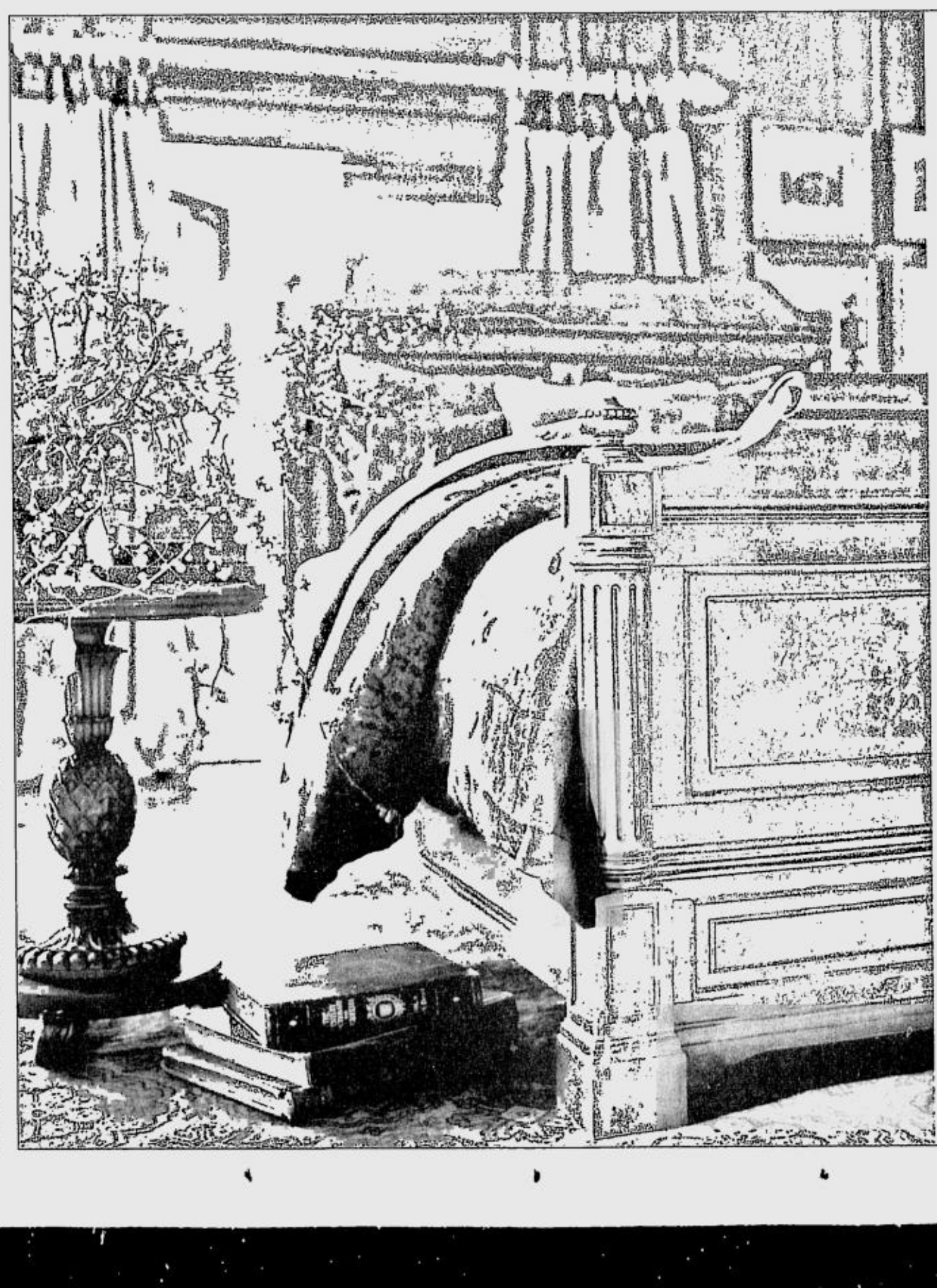

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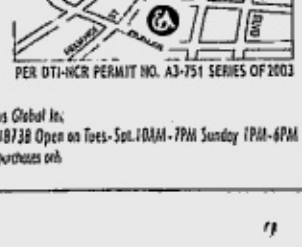

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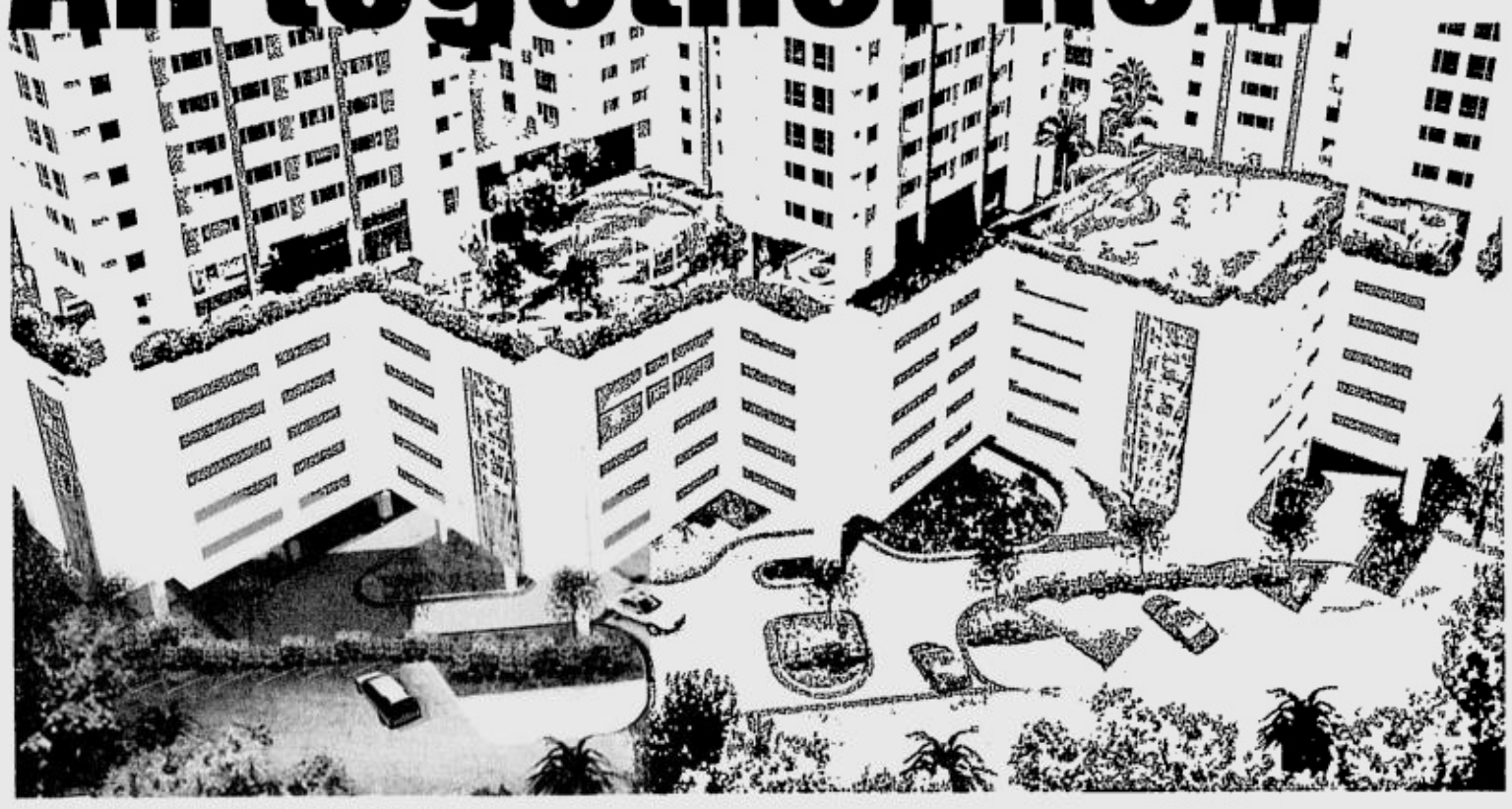


THE RECREATIONAL Club at The Columns

WHEN Community Innovations Inc (CII) embarked upon the creation of The Columns, Ayala Avenue, they knew it was tapping into a wealth of opportunities. To transform the Metro Manila housing market with a high-rise, highly visible, high-quality, and affordable urban community was a challenge the company eagerly accepted.

Rising at the corner of Ayala and Sen. Gil Puyat Avenues is the first of the three towers that comprise The Columns, Ayala Avenue. It will soon be joined by two more towers to form an uplifting trio, with each tower offering a mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units designed to fit the lifestyles and budgets of young urban achievers who work in the Makati central business district.

The prestige

The Columns, Ayala Avenue boasts a prestigious address, right in the middle of bustling Ayala Avenue, Salcedo and Legazpi Villages, and a short drive or walk to Ayala Center. Vital services are literally just across the street: the post office; the fire department; and the Makati Medical Center. The Columns offers easy access to Edsa and the South Luzon Tollway, leading to destinations north and south, as well as to the international airports. Residents can also take Makati's signature covered and elevated walkways en route to Greenbelt, Glorietta, and even the Ayala MRT terminal. Churches, schools, colleges and performing arts venues are all a short walk away. To top it all off, every unit at The Columns will bear the prestige of having "Ayala Avenue" as their street of record.

"We expect The Columns to act as a catalyst for the development of its immediate area," says CII executive Jonathan Umali.

It will also bring some humanity to the heart of the country's premier financial district. The Columns will meet the needs of those who long for the greenery, the open breezes, and the feeling of community in a residential village.

The experience

The Columns, Ayala Avenue has been meticulously designed as a community by CII and architectural firm RMJM Philippines. While each unit provides the privacy needed to feel at home, the public spaces at The Columns lend themselves to social interaction. This is accomplished through the integration of expected amenities into an organic whole.

"We wanted to pick and choose features and amenities that in themselves have value but when put all together create a singular experience," says RMJM's Freddie Grageda, an architect on the project. Grageda calls it The Columns Experience.

Swimming pools for adults and children have been joined together while still remaining discreet and safe. Waterfalls and water lounges promote relaxation and reverie. Raised platforms transform the pools into a vantage point for an entire village club in the sky: the Columns' 7th-floor Recreational Club, spanning the whole development.

From the pools, winding paths take the health-minded to a fully stocked and manned fitness center, the equivalent of a gym membership that comes free to every resident. The paths, which themselves involve a quarter-kilometer jogging path high above the streets, bring others to large function halls and outdoor patios where people can mix and mingle, or hold parties and other events. A third of the Club will be devoted to children: from a day care center to an outdoor playground. A game room provides in-house entertainment for friends and associates. A home theater room offers widescreen movies and DVD viewing for small groups. For overnight guests, transient rooms done like efficient hotel units are available.

"For the cost of a studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom unit, you get the equivalent of a club membership, free," says CII's Edwin Yabut.

At the ground floor, small shops and outdoor cafés create an alfresco dining destination. "The ground floor offers services for residents, including a grocery store, salon, and a drugstore," says Winnie Nazareth of Ayala Land's commercial centers group. "It will also contain cozy restaurants, outdoor cafes, and quaint food outlets for both residents and workers in the immediate area."

The Columns proposes a lifestyle where everything needed for a full, nourishing home life is provided, for the price of a single unit. It's a lifestyle that envisions making going to the gym as simple as taking the elevator. A lifestyle that allows even a studio unit owner to have a DVD viewing party for a dozen friends. Where quick shopping, dining, and entertaining, can all take place without ever leaving home. This convenience of a self-contained "vertical village" matches with The Columns' vital location to create a lifestyle without limits.

Design and feng shui

The Columns is designed to change minds. "So many condominiums have this reputation of being cold, dark places where people live isolated from each other and cut off from the world," says RMJM director Abelardo Tolentino, main architect of The Columns. "The Columns is designed to change that reputation."

The Columns. ala Avenue brings th good life within each of young urban achie ers looking ro pla all their own in the Makati Central business district

Every room has a window, including picture windows for the views. The angle of the buildings allows for open vistas of the city and the bay. Sunny but not hot, the many windows allow the breeze to flow through on cool days-perfect for saving electricity and being one with the environment. From the project's inception, conservation, safety, and environmental friendliness were taken into account.

It also respects the ancient traditions and wisdom of the art of feng shui. CII retained internationally renowned expert Master Joseph Chau as the feng shui consultant for The Columns. Master Chau notes that The Columns' location and orientation make it highly conducive for business prospects. He sees the trio of towers as dynamic and stable. The use of trees, greenery, and water "softens" the energy of the buildings and promises tranquility and a balance of energies.

Master Chau particularly admires the plentiful windows as the views expand the mind and outlook.

Pedigree

The best qualities are all included in affordable unit prices. With flexible payment terms, it is no wonder Towers 1 and 2 were sold out within months after the project's launch and Tower 3 is now open for sales.

CII is an Ayala Land company. Its executives are Ayala Land veterans who have come together to apply ALI's excellence to a new marketplace. As a separate company, CII has the flexibility and drive to forge innovative new projects in that marketplace. As part of the Ayala Land family, it draws upon the resources, experience, and brand-name reputation of its parent company.

An investment in The Columns, Ayala Avenue is an investment in an Ayala Land-backed project. This means that long-term property values at The Columns will continue to grow.

Self-contained community

The Columns, Ayala Avenue is more than the sum of its parts. CII and its partners RMJM Philippines, Makati Development Corp, and Ayala Property Management Corp, to name a few, have realized the vision of a self-contained residential community resting in the midst of the most dynamic sector of the city. The three towers bring the best of situations into the hands of people looking for their first big investment-their first home.

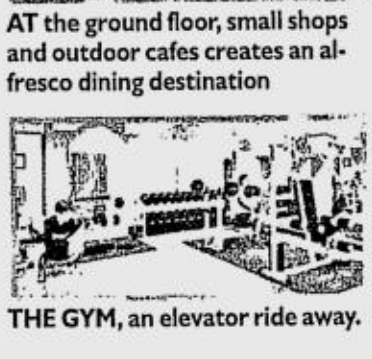
To know more of The Columns, Ayala Avenue experience, call 750-0471 or 750-0484, e-mail cii-sales@ayalaland.com.ph or log on to www.communityinnovations.com.ph. Model units are available for viewing at the 3rd Floor Glorietta 3.

BASIC needs all within reach

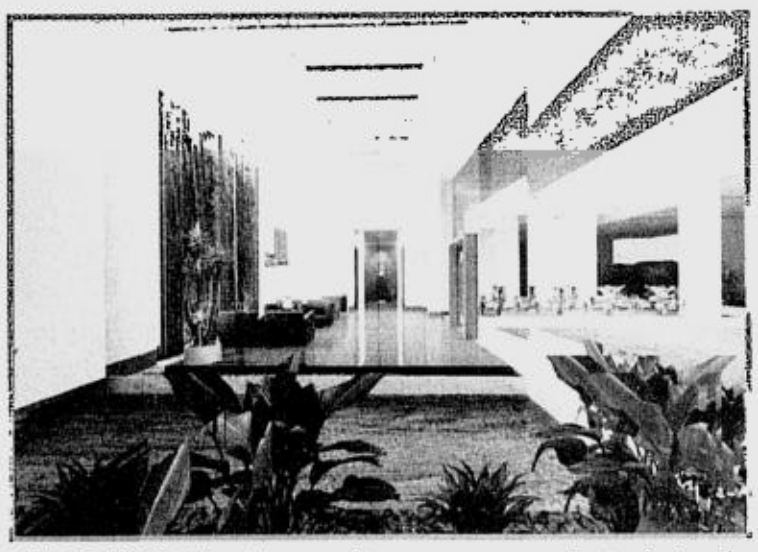
AT HOME in an enriching environment

BUSINESS and pleasure in seamless harmony throughout the day

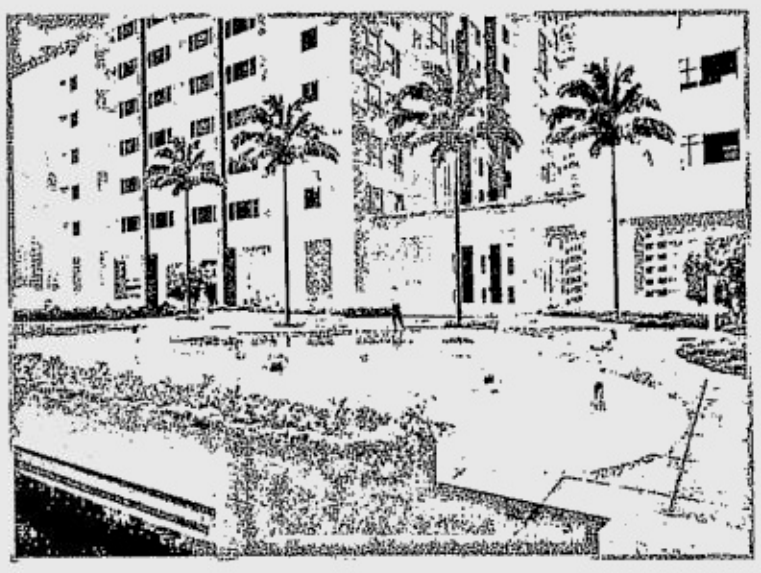
AT the ground floor, small shops and outdoor cafes creates an alfresco dining destination



THE GYM, an elevator ride away.



THE GRAND lobbies. The use of trees, greenery and water 'softens' the energy of the building and promises tranquility and balance of energies.



SWIMMING pools for adults and children have been joined together while still remaining discreet and safe.

THE 2-bedroom unit ideal for young families

THE 1-bedroom unit ideal for singles and young couples

Community Innovations Inc offers special pricing plan as low as

COMMUNITY Innovations Inc (CII) announces the extension of its special payment scheme for The Columns, Ayala Avenue to mark the opening of sales for Tower 3 of the residential condominium complex.

CII is now offering units of Tower 3, the ultimate chance to become part of this innovative "vertical village." Buyers who wish to seize this final opportunity to enter into the good life at The Columns, Ayala Avenue are able to avail themselves of special Zero Downpayment schemes, with monthly payments as low as P13,000.

This zero-down payment scheme is designed to complement The Columns' already affordable standard payment schemes, which make The Columns' enviable mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units within reach of young urban achievers and their families.

Payment schemes can be customized to suit the needs and abilities of individual buyers, part of CII's commitment to creating and nurturing true communities in its developments.

The Columns, Ayala Avenue is the answer to the dreams of young urban achievers seeking a quality condominium residence within the Makati CBD. Sporting three 30 story towers and a uniquely integrated show-stopping Recreational Club, The Columns, Ayala Avenue is one of the most talked-about properties in town.

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The Columns, Ayala Avenue rises ever higher

TOWER 1 of The Columns, Ayala Avenue has reached the eighth floor as construction proceeds on this highly anticipated Makati condominium complex from Ayala Land company Community Innovations Inc. At this pace, the rise of The Columns is ahead of schedule, and is expected to reach the 11th and 12th floors by December. Tower 1, which sold out after only four months of sales, will be completed by the middle of 2006.

From its lot upon the intersection of Ayala and Sen. Gil Puyat Avenues (formerly Buendia), the three-tower Columns development will create an ideal living space for young urban achievers and their families. The Columns allows its residents the convenience and prestige of an Ayala Avenue address in the Makati central business district, while offering a serene and relaxed home environment through meticulous design and planning. Its combination of location, prestige, and features at a price within reach has made it one of the most popular properties among young urbanites and investors.

Popularity has translated into smashing sales success. Not only did Tower 1 sell out within months of pre-sales, but Tower 2 followed suit in similar speed, allowing CII to begin sales of Tower 3 in October, a month ahead of expectations.

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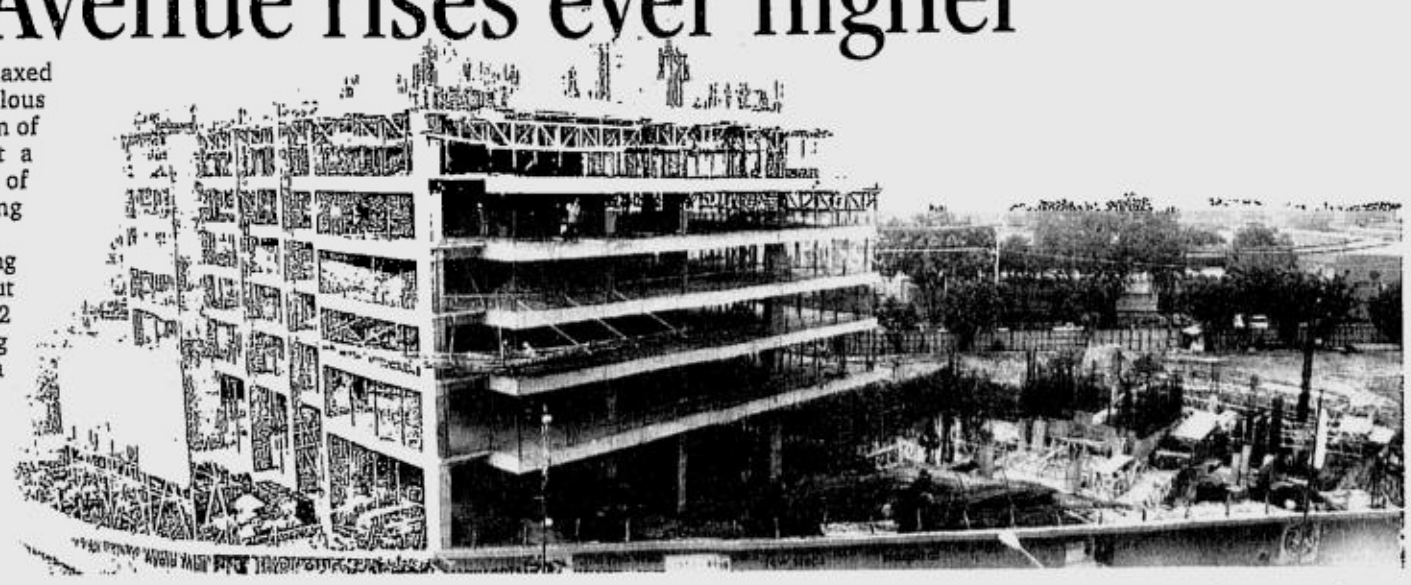
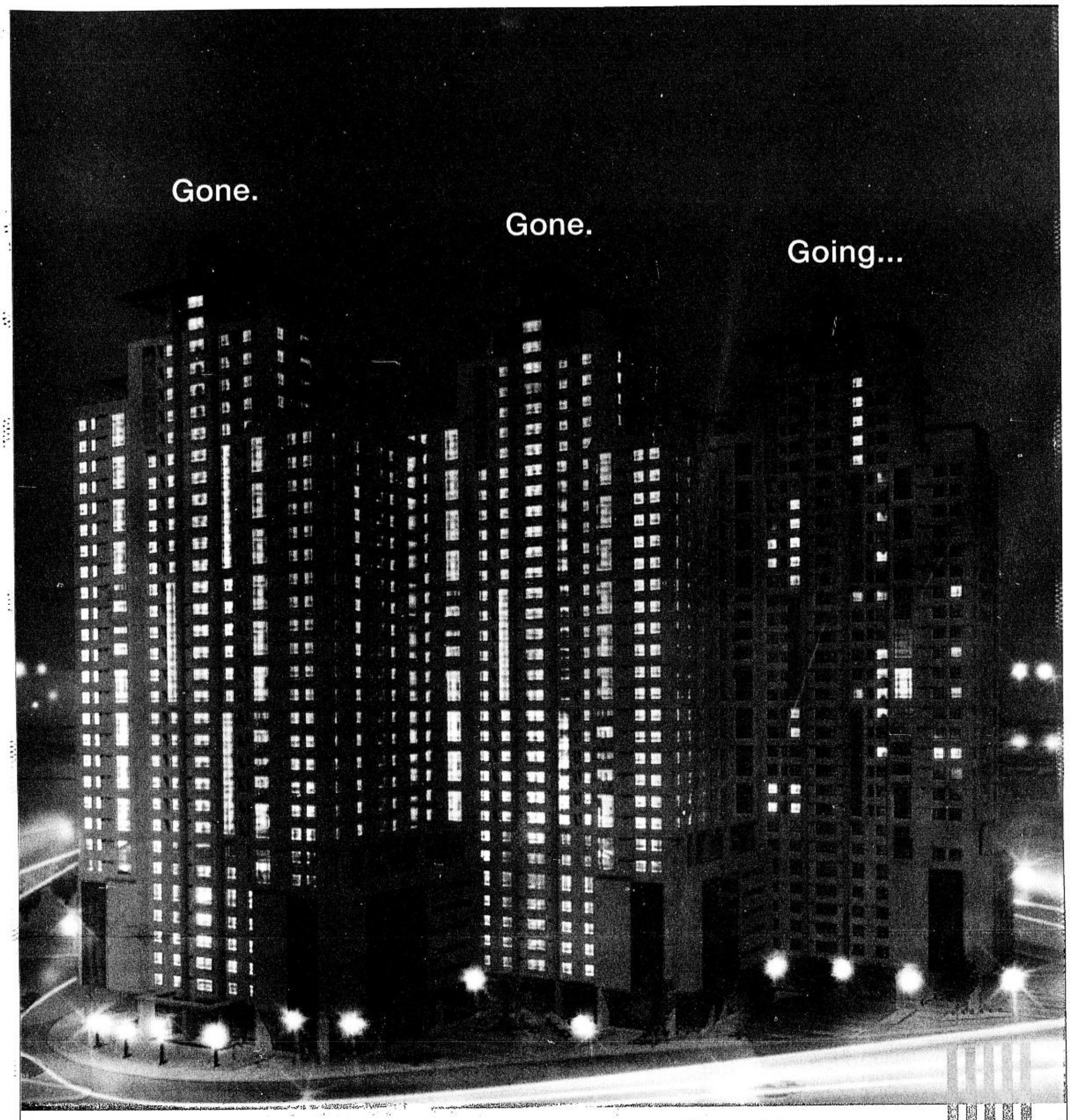


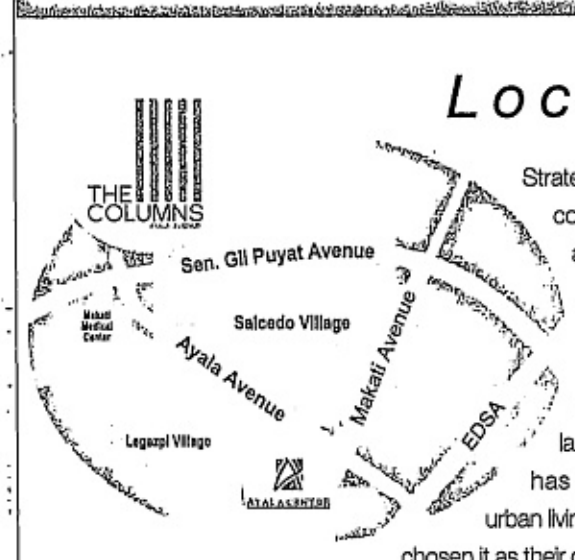


Tower 1 and Tower 2 have enjoyed a quick sell-out. The great news is, we're opening up Tower 3 to buyers! Here's your last chance to live just a few steps from your work, shopping, and hang-out places. THE COLUMNS, Ayala Avenue is rising right at the corner of Ayala and Sen. Gil Puyat Avenues, the ideal address for young, urban achievers who want to live just a few steps from everything.

THE COLUMNS
AYALA AVENUE

TOWER 3 NOW SELLING As low as P13,000/month, no downpayment

Location. Location. Location.



Strategically situated at the corner of Ayala Avenue and Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue (Buendia), The Columns, Ayala Avenue, Community Innovations Inc.'s landmark development, has come to redefine urban living. Many have already chosen it as their city address, attracted by its combination of convenience, relaxation, and prestige.

It's the ideal first home for young urban achievers who want to live a few steps from everything. Now, with Tower 3 opening for sale, it's also the last chance to embrace The Columns experience.

Garden in the City

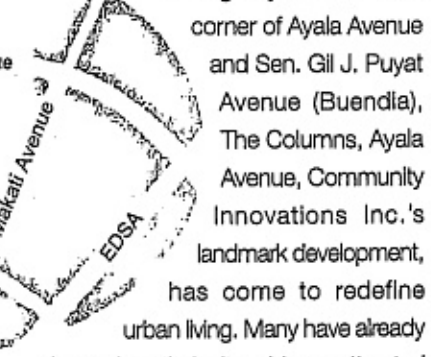
At The Columns, Ayala Avenue, nature communes with urban living. Its open design creates a relaxing environment both in the towers and on the ground. The green Zen-like gardens that adorn the Grand Lobbies of the three towers soothe residents and guests alike.

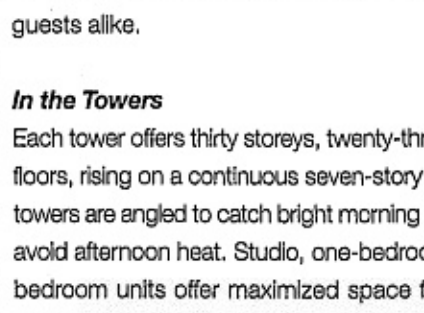
In the Towers

Each tower offers thirty storeys, twenty-three residential floors, rising on a continuous seven-story podium. The towers are angled to catch bright morning sunshine and avoid afternoon heat. Studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units offer maximized space for the urban lifestyle, with plentiful natural light and ventilation—a prized rarity in residential condos. Splendid views stretch from the Makati skyline to Manila Bay, and selected units on each floor offer bay windows and balconies.

The Columns Experience

By integrating its amenities with its entire lifestyle, The Columns transforms itself into a relaxing refuge that openly encourages the feeling of a real neighborhood. At the seventh floor of the podium, The Recreational Club spans all three towers, and serves as the club and meeting place for this vertical village. Two pools, a fitness center, a game room, function halls, a broad outdoor patio, and a day care center and playground fit the needs of every Columns resident. A jogging path and barbecue areas offer features uncommon to condos. It's all about creating community.





The Ground Floor of The Columns offers outdoor cafes and dining spots clustered around three landscaped plazas. With its quaint shops and al fresco lifestyle, the Ground Floor aims to be a destination in itself at its end of Ayala Avenue.

Live a few steps from everything. For young, dynamic, and energetic individuals, The Columns, Ayala Avenue offers it all: location, quality, reputation, and prestige. It's a chance that's not to be missed. Tower 3 sales are now open.

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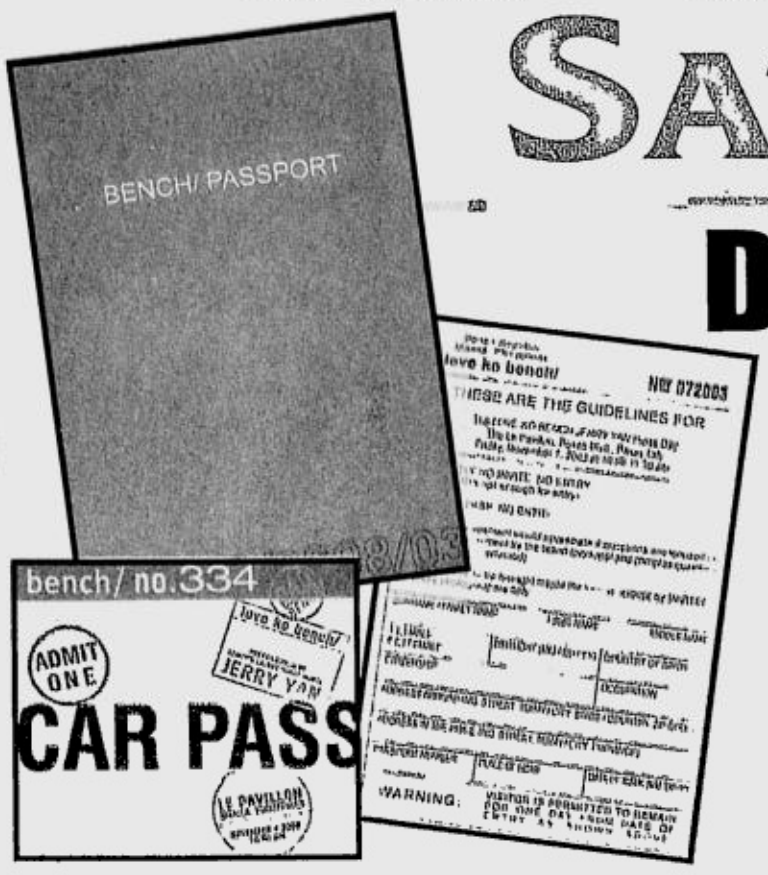


Dao shall come again...

By Tim Yap

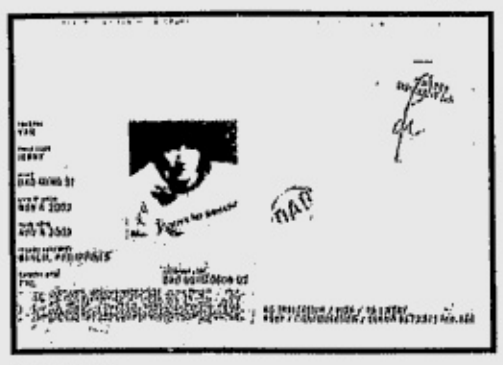
BUSH has left.

But last Thursday, Malacañang Palace was again abuzz with people—from congressmen and their wives to friends and family Cabinet members and the media.

Jerry Yan, a.k.a. Dao Ming Si just arrived.

The Taiwanese soap actor, Bench's latest endorser, smiled and waved at his welcomers. During his courtesy call with President Macapagal-Arroyo, he was allegedly told that the First Couple loved watching "Meteor Garden."

Even First Granddaughter Mikaela Gloria, who just turned a year old, had her photo taken with the actor. Several cancer patients and orphans were also invited to the Palace to meet Dao.



The Dao Ming Si fever is not limited to the masses. At the Peninsula Manila where Jerry Yan was billeted at the Presidential suite, the lobby was filled with people hoping to get a "Dao sighting"—acting nonchalant while having their ice cream. I could see the headlines, though: "Pandemonium at the Pen."

Yesterday, Bench held a press conference for their endorser at Le Pavilion. As early as six a.m., fans lined the perimeter of the venue, but only select members of the press and friends of Bench who carried with them a Bench passport (the one shown here) were allowed entry.

A VIP and press lunch was supposed to be hosted by top honcho Ben Chan, but it had to give way to another event. Besides, Yan's managers were also very strict with his schedules and he had to proceed to his exclusive interview with ABS-CBN, where a movie is reportedly in the works under Star Cinema.

Stella in a bottle

THIS week's cover photo is Stella McCartney's new perfume which she named after herself.

"It's the name that my Mum and Dad gave to me so it is very special."

"Stella," a rose-based perfume that comes in an amethyst-inspired bottle, is the fruition of Stella's personal goal.

"The biggest inspiration for the perfume—and my own personal goal—was to create a perfume that I would want to wear," says Stella McCartney.

The result was a mixture of McCartney's favorite scents—her own tastes bottled.

If you had to put yourself in a bottle, what would you include?

The scent of the fresh strawberries you used to eat during your summers in Baguio?

The smell of freshly laundered clothes?

The intoxicating sweetness of bubble gum?

Stella chose rose and amber.

What's your scent?

MTV Music Summit for AIDS

THE COUNTDOWN has begun for the MTV Music Summit for AIDS—a music extravaganza which will feature a splendid line up of local film stars, TV stars, youth icons, and MTV VJs. Catch performances by big names in the Philippine music industry as they support the fight against HIV and AIDS at the music concert for life. The MTV Music Summit for AIDS will be held at the Fort Grounds, on Friday, Nov. 21, 2003.

Mandy Moore, the pop icon that brought us such hits as "Cry," "Crush," and "Only Home," and who starred in last year's, "A Walk to Remember," has agreed to perform in this concert to lend support in this very vital campaign.

> Spread the message, not the virus

Some of the celebrities expected to perform at the event are Parokya ni Edgar, Luke Mijares, Cheese, Moonstar 88, Kapatid, Kamikazee, Mongols, Karylle, Andrew E., and many more.

MTV is making sure that passes to the MTV Music Summit for AIDS are free and easily available to young people who can log on to www.mtvasia.com, or by joining the Frenzy Circle by logging onto www.frenzy.com.ph or at the following partner outlets: Music One, Odyssey, Penshoppe, Shell Gas Stations, Smart Wireless Centers, Tower Records. Bring any 95g, 160g, or 300g Chips Ahoy wrappers on the day of the event. Present it to any Chips Ahoy representative, and get your Music Summit pass.

For more information, call UNAIDS at 892-0611 to 25 or the Department of Health at 743-8301 ext. 2254. For all Smart subscribers, text Music to 209 for more information.

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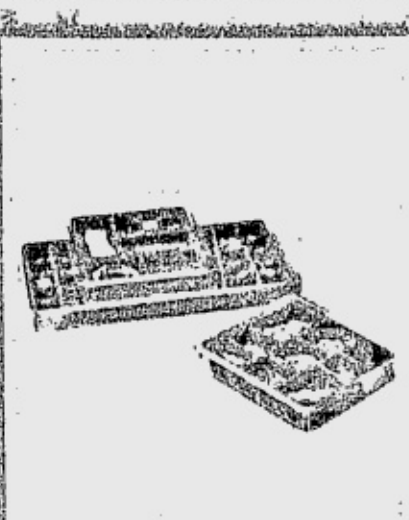
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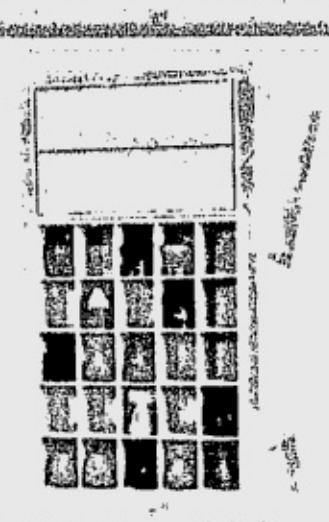
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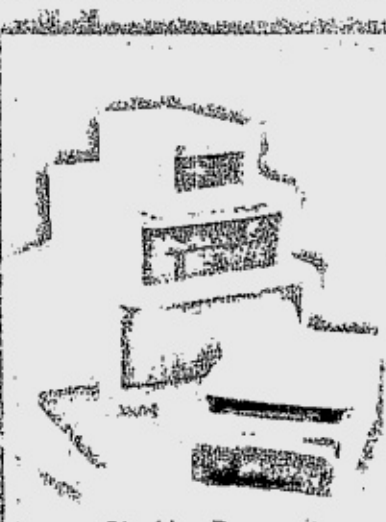
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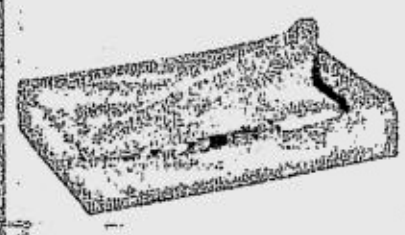
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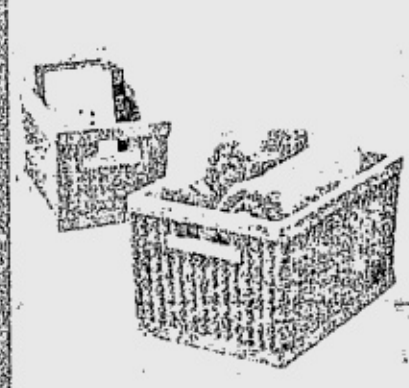
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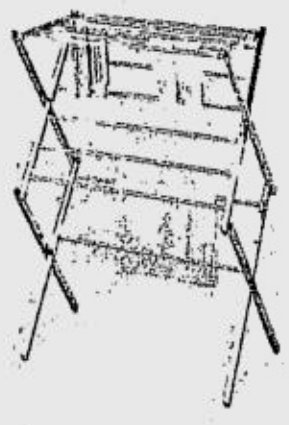
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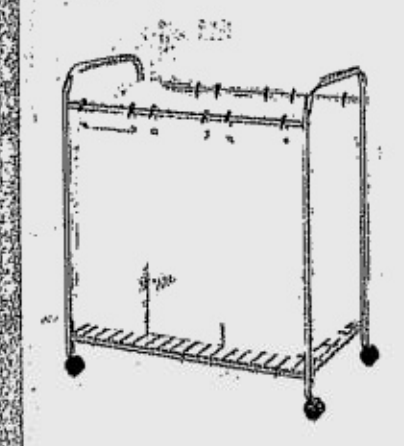
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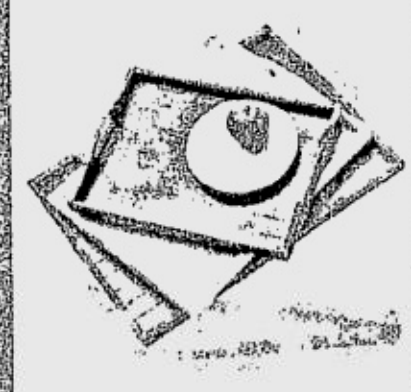
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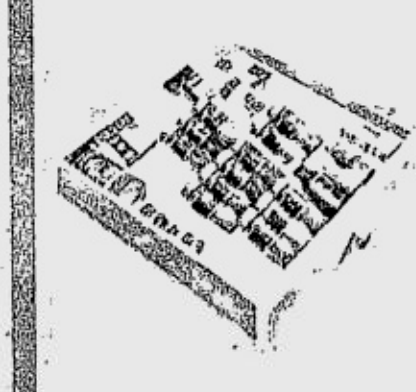
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PREVIEW POISE. Pauline Suaco Juan is expecting another baby.

PIED PIPER. DJ Benjo Marquez is making waves with his music

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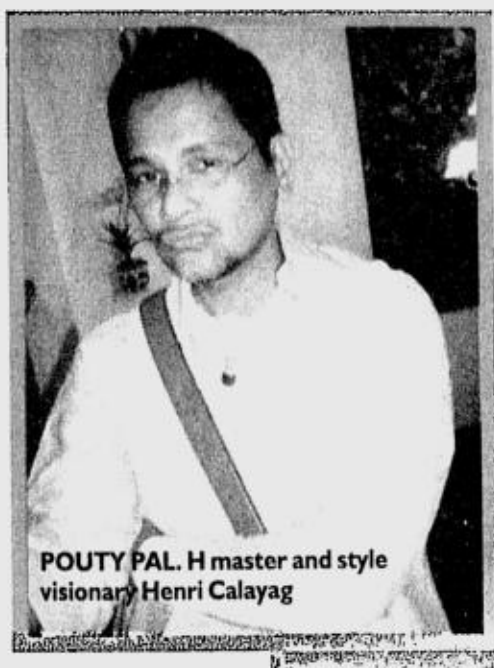
JUST FOR KICKERS. Amiel Cabanlig, Randy Torrecampo and Mojo Jojo at The Spa in Bel-Air



POUTY PAL. H master and style visionary Henri Calayag

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Sparty On!

LUX ASIANS. Wellness experts Mia Nolasco-Cuenca and Vanessa Mayuga

ETHNIC BEAT. Poet, dancer and teacher Nerisa Guevarra at The Spa in Greenbelt

SHU INS. Beauty tandem Tina Tinio and Xeng Zulueta of Shu Uemura

JULY IN NOVEMBER. Dos Quizon spotted at The Spa

PERFORMANCE artist Joan Pablo

Tim Yap

With stress levels on a rollercoaster high these days, the spa has become a haven for those seeking comforts in the urban jungle.

Thus, the spa has replaced the sari-sari store, sprouting like shawarma stands and pearl shake booths all over the city.

To be ahead of the health game, The Spa (as in **Angel Aquino**'s billboards' Spa) launched two of their newest branches spontaneously, a commitment to pampering their clients who need a retreat and some TLC.

Their Greenbelt branch, which reminds me of Phuket's Banyan tree was inaugurated by art mover **Sofia Zobel-Elizalde**, interior designer sisters **Ivy** and **Cynthia Almario** (who were the ones who designed this haven for the health-minded), The Spa image model Angel Aquino and yours truly.

A piece of Phuket

A sampaguita garland curtain welcomed the guests as percussionists drummed up the place with beats and performance artists blessed the health farm with dance movements. The dancers even did some beat poetry while grooving with the ethnic music. Something about the chanting and the rich eucalyptus and mint aroma in the air made the vibe hypnotic—and I haven't even had a massage.

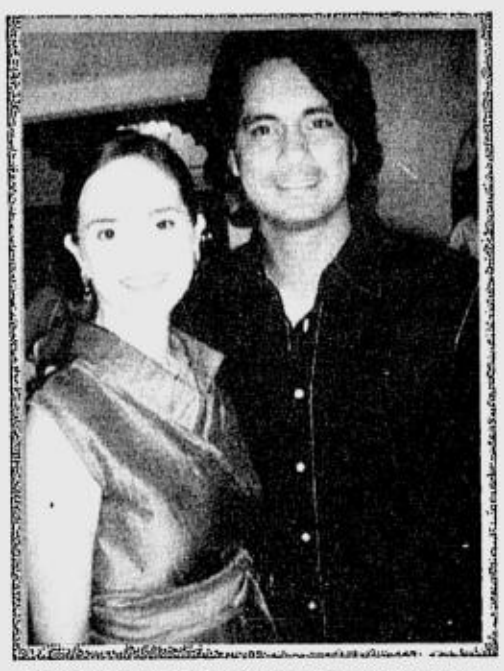
From a piece of Phuket, we hopped off to Morocco, as their Bel Air branch on Jupiter Street also scheduled their ribbon cutting just an hour after. This branch boasts of wild colors—crimson red massage rooms, turquoise aromatherapy and couples rooms, and avocado green serenity lounges. There are even rooms which you can book for groups of four and above (massage bonding, anyone?). Think color therapy meets massage haven, plus three floors (men's, women's and couples lounges) of heaven on earth.

For the candle lighting and ribbon cutting, the owners were joined by muse **Lucy Torres-Gomez**, who looked so fab and fresh in her aquamarine top that contrasted so well with her alabaster skin. "Everything is a blessing," the priest who headed the ceremony had that magnetic effect on me—or maybe it's the aromatherapy.

In keeping with the Moroccan theme, dancers freestyled to **DJ Benjo Marquez**' music. A belly dancer gyrated like there was no tomorrow. Media and VIP guests toasted to the grand opening with Fidel martinis and more Moroccan treats as they made sure to book their treatments.

Guys got facials and women had the full on spa session.

The others resorted to the age old remedy for stress—they "spartied" on.



ROYAL COUPLE. Lucy and Richard Gomez, guests of honor during cocktails

ARE YOU WEARY? Listen to the sound of your drum beats

FLORAL TREAT. Angel Aquino

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Age against the machine

Gino de la Paz

CONSIDER yourself lucky if you've never lived with a creepy roommate. You'd know him by the vomit he elegantly Jackson Pollocks on the floor, or the shrill Bollywood music he showers to at 6 a.m. Conveniently skipping Sunday chores, he leaves you with straightening out the Byzantine conduit that would otherwise be your kitchen. He hijacks the cordless phone, sometimes the TV remote, and pockmarks your living room rug with stale Cheerios, nail clippings, and a blinding amount of used birth control devices. If you want to avoid holing up with such a monster, here's a tip: Don't be one!

BOY, Interrupted. Jim (Jason Biggs) suffers the consequences of snubbing the code

Incompatibility

The first step to mastering roommate relations is realizing that the perfect house companion is like a BS-free Friendster profile: non-existent! Nearly everyone lies, whether it's about how much money he can fork over, or if he has links to any drug cartel, or whether he thinks flushing the toilet qualifies as cleaning the bathroom. This round is particularly risky and is likewise a stab at self-evaluation. Once you've accepted this, I suggest quizzing potential candidates:

a) Do you own, or have plans of owning, a Vengaboys CD?

b) Do you have rich parents who can send generous care packages?

c) Can you decipher Yao Ming's English?

Getting stuck with an individual who's eerily similar to you or someone who's your polar opposite is essential to the experience.

In Season 1, perky morning person Felicity Porter (Keri Russell) wound up with Meghan Rotundi (Amanda Foreman), a Goth grump who practiced witchcraft during final exams. Drug-addled TV producers played NYU housing officials and took delight in matching these two perfectly incompatible freshmen. Nonetheless, the move took off with the show's target audience. Aside from Keri Russell's golden ringlets, the random pairing of Felicity's angsty Easter bunny with Meghan's Marilyn Manson-in-college was one of the highlights of the ex-WB melodrama's maiden year.

When roommates mate

Once you slum in with strangers, there's a chance that sex will cease being the clandestine hobby that it once was in your bedroom back home. Of course your beloved roommates can waltz in on you mid-hump. To prevent this, you might want to scatter warning signals -- nude photos of yourself, a stuffed unicorn, a broken glass vial, hypodermic needles -- before the act. If these evocative objects fail to shoo the monkeyboys away, employ the time-honored copulation code: hang something on the doorknob. A sock, an oven mitt, or a thick coating of sulfuric acid are neon signs that should buy you privacy for a few minutes.

Snubbing the code, horny Jim Levinstein (Jason Biggs) played hide-the-weasel with a comely co-ed in the second installment of the "American Pie" trilogy. As all flukes go, both sets of parents acted like a collective third wheel at the right moment. As the movie's pacesetter, this opening scene certainly ranks among the most memorable ones in recent gross-out film history.

Stereotypes

Living together is hardly any way to treat a friend, but "Friends" is proof that it can be done. For nine mind-boggling years, this sitcom lorded it over prime time TV and gradually wrote a lexicon of characters that were either innately lovable or hopelessly irritating. You may know someone who resembles any of the six oddballs, or you could be one yourself. But at a stratospheric $1 million per

Central Perk character	Expected hobbies
	collecting obscure stuff, dead or alive
	completing her collection of '60s Vogue
	vacuuming; planning her future grandkids' futures
	choosing which wine goes with which coldcut
	anything that involves tie-dye, patchouli, Eastern religions, busking
	building beer can pyramids

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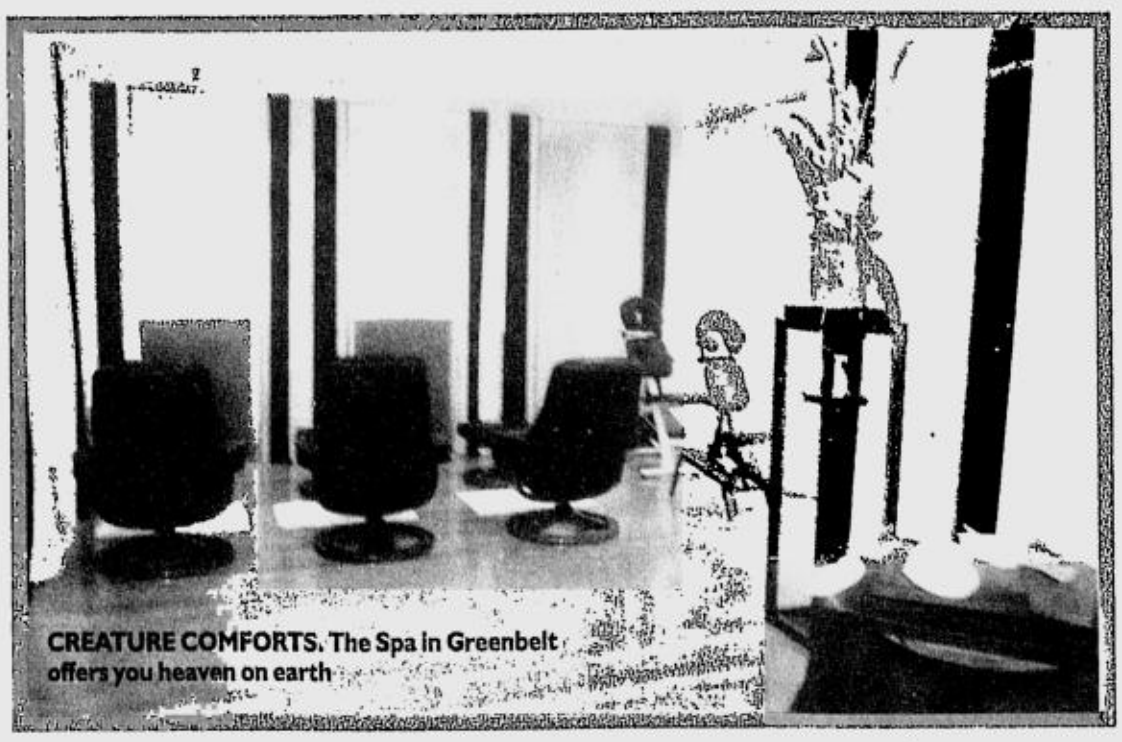
RAL DESIGN SISTERS. Ivy and Cynthia io, who designed The Spa in Greenbelt

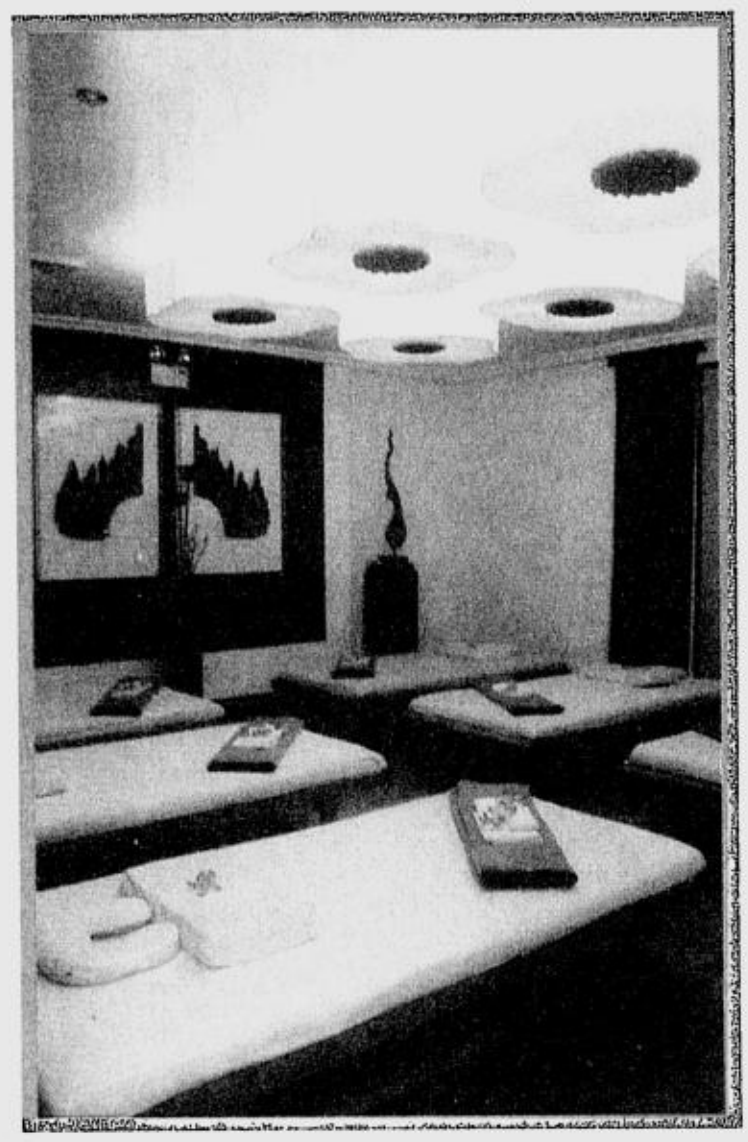
DANCE to the beat of your soul



CREATURE COMFORTS. The Spa in Greenbelt offers you heaven on earth

during the grand opening of The Spa in Greenbelt PHOTOS WILLY SAW

SIMPLE ELEGANCE. Sofia Zobel Elizalde, one of the ribbon cutters.



RELAX AND REJUVENATE. The Spa in Greenbelt offers pampering for urbanites in this side of the jungle

IG. To inaugurate The Spa in Bel-Air, P

THE BLESSING. Lori and Lorraine Tiu at The Spa in Greenbelt

"GOD bless our spa..."

ANGELS WITHIN OUR MIDST. Angel Aquino, Celine Lopez and Jenni Epperson at The Spa in Bel-Air

Prone to idolize	Ironic personality trait	Likely posse	Will end up
chael Crichton	radioactively smart, lethally boring	pretentious film majors	obscenely rich and overly educated
herself	not as sharp as her stilettos but really nice to look at	fashion students, beauty school dropouts	naked in "Girls Gone Wild"
Martha Stewart, Bill Gates	underappreciated overachiever	the Junior Entrepreneurs Club	in jail for insider trading
s mom, Barbra Streisand	too witty to be straight, too dull to be gay	drama majors, Robbie Williams fans	cruising West Hollywood
Joni Mitchell, Sylvia Plath	annoying but lovable spaz	hippies, surfers, skaters, yoga instructors	headlining the Lilith Fair
oldberg, Hugh Hefner	a human St. Bernard	typical subject for anthropology majors	Governor of California

Slumming in with strangers has been the subject of some very memorable movies and TV series for valid, and often hilarious, reasons.

roommate, these "Friends" stereotypes are understandably beyond reality.

Roommate to inmate

At some point, you'll find yourself crossing over to the realm of non-verbal communication. Now, this isn't because your friendship has become intensely multifaceted. Rather, it's because you can no longer stand the sight of each other. When you reach this stage, you can either stick Post-Its on your possessions or pee on your back issues of Maxim, frozen burritos, etc. to express lawful claim.

If leaving forensic evidence is insufficient, most fed-up roommates employ good old-fashioned sign language. From my experience, the most effective way is to make a fist and extend the middle finger vertically. To take it to the bonus level, retrieve finger and aim fist at troublesome roommate in a firm and rapid motion.

SINGLE White Female. From roommate to inmate

A chilling example of this would be 1992 lights-out classic "Single White Female." Career chick Allison Jones (Bridget Fonda) shares her Upper West side crib with makeover-ready Hedra Carlson (Jennifer Jason Leigh). A mousy psycho, Hedy swallows Ally's style while feeding on her insecurities. Expertly malevolent, Hedy redefines the words "evil beeyatch" by violently offing a puppy, rolling in the hay with Allie's boyfriend Sam (Steven Weber), and then stabbing him with a stiletto soon after. "Single White Female" presents the darkest side of apartment life, when obsession turns self-expression into something undeniably satanic.

Hidden payoff

The trouble with trying to please everyone is that, simply put, you can't. It's quite exasperating to headbutt with someone else's standards on a daily basis. Sure, my ex-roommates have described my everyday routine as "messy," "disorganized," or "Baghdad," but they completely missed the point. More accurately, I'd say my lifestyle is "creatively casual." There's a hidden payoff to discovering that you can't live with others without contemplating murder or suicide. When it comes to being the master of your abode and the god of your own toilet, nothing beats getting matched with a roommate to whom you are best suited: yourself.

SWAK!

by Lex

Hail the Kenkoy King

Is this Bayani Agbayani just another funnyman, or a supernatural prophet in disguise?

THE PEOPLE have crowned their King!

No, it ain't FPJ—yet! The current king is an unlikely occupant of the throne. Atop the showbiz heap is no Richard Gomez lookalike. Instead, it is a chubby man armed only with an a la Angelina Jolie pout, and a penchant for doing "the wave" (from shoulders to hips). Everywhere—and I mean absolutely everywhere—from the inner alleys of Divisoria to the outskirts of Iloilo, kids are joining *the* Dance Revolution called "Ocho-ocho."

Kenkoy cults have struck before, but never with the intensity of this current tsunami. Is there more to this crazy fad than meets the eye? Are we witnessing something that is changing us forever without us even realizing it? Is this Bayani Agbayani just another funnyman, or a supernatural prophet in disguise?

The answers can only be found at the source which, in this case, are the lyrics of the song itself:

One plus one Magellan
Two plus two Lapu-Lapu
Four plus four equals eight
Doblehin ang eight
Tayo'y mag-ocho-ocho
Ocho-ocho, ocho-ocho
Mag-otcho-otcho na!

Line 1 seems simple enough, but I think there's more to it than most people see initially. It is really about where it all began, the beginning, the first foreign influence, the invasion of the white guy.

Line 2 develops this concept further. The big, bad native slays the Portuguese giant saying, "Get off my turf, buddy!" Now though, Lapu-Lapu is better known as a fish in the same league as *Galunggong*.

It starts to get really exciting by Line 3. Eight is the only number that looks exactly the same if you look at it upside down. It's the sign of eternity, the endless cycle of repeating things, the world going 'round and 'round.

It used to really piss me off whenever I heard the song blaring out of *basag* speakers on buses and roadside stalls. I have since acknowledged that behind this absurd dance step may be a man on a mission, a Pied Piper of this generation.

He has spoken, and the message is broadcast daily, loud and clear. We are destined to repeat our mistakes again and again, as symbolized by the eternal number eight, unless we learn from them.

They say FPJ is Erap all over again and because of this millions are quaking in their boots. I figure however, if we have to stumble a bit, maybe even fall down a second time, in order to stand up and realize our mistakes, then so be it. We have to go through this together as often as we need to until we finally get it right.

Before we judge Bayani Agbayani as pure fluff, let us first put our hands on our knees and bounce our shoulders up and down to the beat of the current anthem. I promise two things: one, we will feel like complete idiots, which will make us laugh and forget our problems. Two, if we do it long enough, we may finally tap into the hidden message, find inner peace and, only if we're lucky, find our version of nirvana. Hahaha...*magocho-ocho na!*

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He's not alone

TOWERING tension builds up in the airport drama unfolding from midnight Friday into the wee hours of Saturday and ending with the killing of retired Capt. Panfilo Villaruel and Lt.sg Ricardo Catchillar. (Top left) The view from the 12-story high tower is framed through its shattered window. DENNIS SABANGAN/EPA

Ex-aviation chief, aide shot dead in Naia tower

By TJ Burgonio, Jerome Aning and Juliet Labog-Javellana

A FORMER chief of the Air Transportation Office and his aide who took control of the ATO tower starting Friday night were shot dead early yesterday by a police assault team while he was crying surrender. *(See related story on this page.)*

Panfilo Villaruel, 62, a Philippine Air Force reservist and assistant transportation secretary in 1992-96, was in the middle of an interview with radio station dzBB when he and Navy Lt. Ricardo Catchillar were killed at around 2:45 a.m. by an assault team of the Aviation Security Group led by Senior Supt. Andres Caro.

President Macapagal-Arroyo went on nationwide TV after 7 a.m. to commend the "swift and decisive" resolution of the siege and to assure the public that it was an isolated incident and not related to any attempt to grab power.

She did not respond to reporters' questions and gave the floor to Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza, who had just come from the scene of the siege.

Mendoza said that he informed the President of the incident at 12:50 a.m., and that

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Intelligence officer says armed group didn't show up

By Christian V. Esguerra and TJ Burgonio

FORMER Air Transportation Office chief Panfilo Villaruel may not have been acting alone when he seized the Naia 2 control tower but may have been involved in yet another conspiracy to bring down the Macapagal administration, two ranking military officials said yesterday.

Amid the reported recruitment of active military officers by retired officials for another coup plot, it is highly possible that Villaruel was waiting for an armed contingent that failed to show up, said an Army officer involved in counter-intelligence.

The officer compared the situation to the July 27 failed coup when the mutinous junior officers were forced to settle for seizing the Oakwood hotel in Makati after the "political and multi-sectoral components" of the attempted power grab failed to materialize.

Like the Oakwood mutineers, Villaruel was left hanging at the Naia control tower, the source said.

He said another possibility was that the former ATO chief was involved in the planning of a coup but had gotten "highly emotional and impatient" and decided to go it alone, way ahead of schedule.

The second source, a retired top military official, agreed with this scenario and urged authorities to investigate Villaruel's links with politicians who were probably also involved in what they believe to be an aborted coup.

"It's very hard to imagine one former government official holing himself up at the airport control tower and claiming that he just wanted to be heard. His action was pre-planned and his cover story was very viable," the Army official said.

In a radio interview shortly before he was killed, Villaruel claimed that he had no intention of seizing power and that he was not being supported by any politician.

The President and top military officials brushed off speculations that Villaruel's ac-

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Constitution limits House 'sole power' to impeach

By Jovito R. Salonga
Bantay Katarungan/Kilosbayan
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Dean, UP College of Law

OUR COUNTRY is gripped by a debate that pits the elected congressmen asserting the power of their numbers against the judicial guardians of our Constitution asserting the high moral ground of principle.

We respectfully submit that the congressional numbers do not, in this instance, hold any righteous claim, and certainly not against Chief Justice Davide, a man whose integrity and probity even his accusers have not frontally challenged.

The Articles of Impeachment against Chief Justice Davide are invalid because they violate the Constitution, which says that "no second proceeding may be initiated against the same person within one year." That is clear from the text of the Constitution, and

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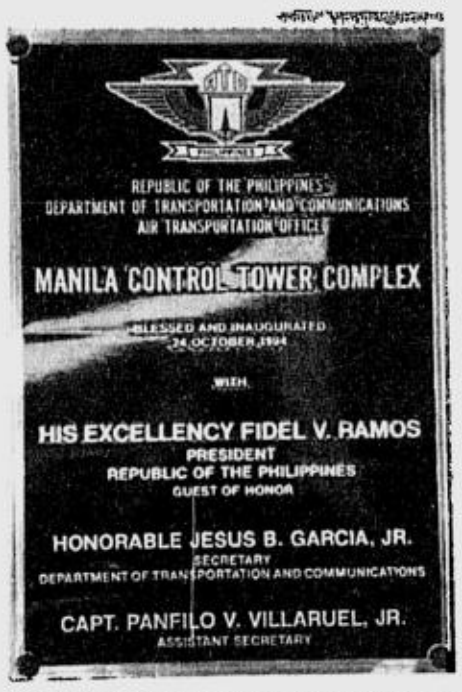

MARKER at the control tower: That which he helped build destroyed him. ROGER MARGALLO

'An overkill;' family wants investigation

By TJ Burgonio, Christian V. Esguerra and Jerome Aning

THERE WAS "nothing violent" about the man who seized the control tower of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Friday night, Maj. Gen. Fortunato Abat said yesterday.

Villaruel's wife Marites said in a TV interview she was not expecting her husband to be killed "like a criminal."

"Never mind if he would be detained," she said. "[His killing was] the worst thing I was expecting for what he had done."

Villaruel's daughter Mary Ann said her family was "shocked" at what had happened. She told reporters that the family

AN OVERKILL/ A20

'We surrender, we surrender'; then dying gasps heard live on radio

By Tony Bergonia, Alcuin Papa and Jerome Aning

WHAT sounded like a disrupted phone signal turned out to be the dying gasps of ex-aviation chief Panfilo Villaruel, whose tragic end was heard by millions of radio listeners as he talked on air with radio-TV journalist Arnold Clavio just before he was shot dead by a police assault team.

"They are attacking us now! They are murdering us! They are killing us!" Villaruel could be heard shouting in a mixture of Filipino and English amid bursts of gunfire.

"We surrender! We surrender!" Villaruel screamed.

There was a loud explosion, followed by labored breathing, and then silence.

Villaruel's cell phone remained turned on throughout the assault, according to Clavio.

"I thought there was a problem with my cellular phone signal. It turned out that they were the sounds of a dying man," said Clavio in a phone interview.

Clavio said that during an earlier off-the-air cellular phone conversation, Villaruel sounded like he was "turning soft and was willing to surrender peacefully."

Villaruel told him that as a condition for his surrender he wanted the government troops preparing to assault the tower to pull back.

"All I'm asking is for the Special Weapons and Tactics" (SWAT) team to be removed. No problem. I'm willing to give myself up peacefully," Clavio quoted him as saying.

He told Clavio why he seized

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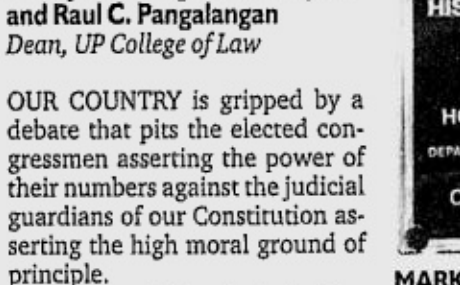

Monkey tests prove it's smart to exercise

WASHINGTON—Exercise fanatics may be right—getting out and moving increases blood flow in the brain, US researchers said on Saturday.

Tests on monkeys show that exercise helps foster blood vessel development in the brain, making the

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Greenbelt 3 wins int'l 'Oscar' for land use

THE PHILIPPINES has received another feather in its cap for its efforts to enhance the environment and community life.

And this time the award concerns life, not in the wilds or in virgin land, but in the concrete jungle.

Greenbelt 3 in Makati City won the Urban Land Institute Award for Excellence, regarded as the Oscar of the land use industry. Its developer, Ayala Land Inc. (ALI), received the award on Oct. 31 in ceremonies in San Francisco, California.

The Urban Land Institute is a US-based international research and education organization that provides leadership in the use of land to enhance the total environment. It counts 18,000 members and associates from 70 countries.

The 27,871-square-meter Greenbelt 3 was named among 10 outstanding real

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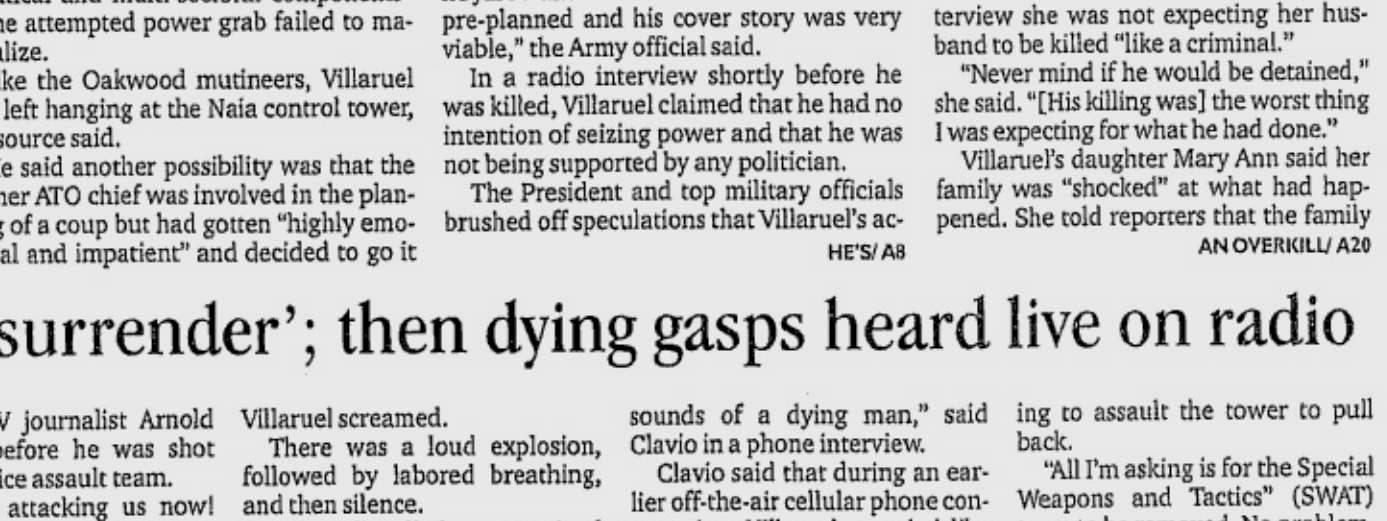

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THE OSCAR of the international land use industry, the Urban Land Institute Award in the US, was won by Greenbelt 3 in Makati City for offering a "a new model for retail/entertainment development in Asia, one with an intense sense of place."

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly over the eastern section. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.
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Maynilad ordered to pay MWSS ₱6B

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE BUSINESS empire of the Lopez family was dealt with another blow after an international arbitration panel hearing the dispute between Maynilad Water Services Inc. and the government ordered the Lopez-owned firm to pay the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System more than P6 billion in concession fees.

The Paris-based ICC International Court of Arbitration ruled that Maynilad should pay its outstanding concession fees to MWSS within 15 days from receipt of the order.

"This represents a major victory for the government and MWSS, which has consistently sought payment of the concession fees after the grace period for payment of the same had expired last March 31, 2003. The outstanding concession fees are estimated to be over P6 billion, and the collection thereof is essential to MWSS servicing of existing debt obligations to international funding institutions," Justice Undersecretary Manuel A.J. Teehankee said.

Teehankee said that Maynilad could still file a motion for consideration before the arbitration panel or "on very limited grounds" appeal to the Court of Appeals.

The INQUIRER tried to get Maynilad's reaction to the court order but corporate relations manager Jess Matubis refused to comment. Maynilad president Rafael Alunan could not be reached as of press time.

The dispute started after Maynilad announced in December last year that it was ending its 25-year concession agreement with the MWSS to supply water to the western zone of Metro Manila after the government failed to approve its bid for a rate hike and an increase in water volume in its projects.

Maynilad, a subsidiary of Benpres Holdings Corp., then elevated the case in February to the International Court of Arbitration.

Teehankee, the acting government corporate counsel, said the arbitration court ruled that Maynilad can't terminate its concession agreement with the government. The agreement "remains in full force" that there are "no grounds" to terminate it, he said.

"Both parties are bound by the contract. There is no ground to say that it is terminated," Teehankee added.

Teehankee said the arbitration panel conducted hearings in Manila last August and September "and heard witnesses and presentations from both sides."

Maynilad was represented by Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, and Puno & Puno, while MWSS was represented by the Department of Justice, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel and Alien and Overy.

Maynilad earlier posted a $150 million performance bond with the panel to ensure the payment of the concession fees. Teehankee said the MWSS could now draw from the bond.

Maynilad is 59 percent owned by Benpres, the flagship of the Lopez family, while about 20 percent is owned by Ondeo, a French multinational affiliated with Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux, and 20 percent by Lyonnaise Asia Water Ltd.

It was Benpres that allegedly decided to end the concession agreement, being itself saddled with around $600 million in debts.

Benpres' financial woes were aggravated when the Supreme Court ordered its sister company the Manila Electric Co., in November last year to refund overbillings to its customers from 1994 to 1998. Meralco put the refund cost at P28 billion.

Benpres is an indirect shareholder in Meralco, owning 46 percent of First Philippine Holdings Corp., which in turn has a 16-percent stake in Meralco.

Maynilad blamed the El Niño weather phenomenon, the effects of the 1997 Asian financial crisis and the delay in the completion of a vital river basin project for its troubles.

Maynilad claimed that the government's failure to comply with the terms of the concession agreement forced it to serve the notice of termination. But the government said that Maynilad failed to live up to its commitments to maintain and renew the Balara-Novaliches Aqueduct which has a capacity of 2,000 million liters of water per day and conveys 50 percent of the water needs of Metro Manila.

The MWSS said Maynilad also failed to infuse $80 million in equity as provided for in the MWSS BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) contract. *With a report from Christine Gaylican, Reuters*

SC justices burn midnight oil to come up with decision

By Philip C. Tubeza

SUPREME Court justices worked overtime yesterday in a bid to come up with a decision on the constitutionality of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.'s impeachment.

The SC is expected to release its decision on Monday, when Congress resumes sessions. Proponents of Davide's impeachment in the House of Representatives have vowed to move for the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate once the session resumes tomorrow afternoon.

"I'm sure *paglalamayan nila ito* (they will work through the night) over the weekend," said SC spokesperson Ismael Khan Jr.

Sources said that 12 of the 15 justices were at the SC compound in Manila early yesterday afternoon with only Justices Leonardo Quisumbing, Alicia Austria-Martinez and Adolfo Azcuna still out as of press time.

Khan said Davide did not participate in the deliberations.

Sources in the high tribunal said the justices were already writing their opinions on the case.

One source said a "ponente" (main author) was already writing the decision while the others were writing their own opinions. He did not say what the decision was or whether the separate opinions were dissenting or concurring.

Davide has inhibited himself from attending the oral arguments on the case on Wednesday and Thursday.

Khan earlier said the justices were going to take into account when deciding on the case the covenant proposed by President Macapagal-Arroyo to resolve the impasse.

Khan said Davide was inclined to accept the tripartite covenant to end the crisis.

The covenant would compel the House of Representatives to withdraw the impeachment complaint and proceed instead with the investigation of the Judiciary Development Fund by its committee of justice.

It also states that the Commission on Audit has the authority to audit the books of all government agencies, and that it is the SC, not Davide, which the House committee should ask to explain the disbursements of the multi-billion-peso JDF.

The agreement recognizes the independence of the legislative and judicial branches "in the exercise of their respective powers and prerogatives."

During the oral arguments on Thursday, some of the justices expressed strong opinions on the case. But Justice Artemio Panganiban said the justices' line of questioning or statements did not necessarily mean they had made up their minds on the issue.

Justice Reynato Puno had said that Congress should still follow the constitutional boundaries on impeachment and, if it did not, the court had the right to review its actions.

Justice Jose Vitug said the court cannot simply "close its eyes" when a person's rights are violated, whoever they may be.

Justice Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez asked one of the amici curiae (friends of the court) why the court could not rule on the matter immediately when doing so would save time, expense and avoid undue injury to the respondent.

ANTI-DAVIDE
Members of the People's Movement Against Poverty of ousted President Joseph Estrada hold a lightning rally yesterday outside BF Homes Commonwealth in Quezon City where Chief Justice Hilario Davide lives. JOAN BONDOC

Dream official, COA auditor says of Davide

By Armand N. Nocum

CHIEF Justice Hilario Davide is every auditor's dream public official.

Controversial Commission on Audit officer Cecilia Caga-anan told the INQUIRER that in all her 25 years in service, she had yet to meet a head of office as "transparent" and as cooperative with auditors as Davide.

"He is the only head of office who ever told me that I could disallow (spendings) that he had previously approved," said Caga-anan, who prepared the COA report on the Judiciary Development Fund (JDF).

Caga-anan, who cleared Davide and the Supreme Court of alleged irregularities in the disbursement of the JDF, has also come under fire from the congressmen who used her report to file an impeachment complaint against Davide.

She said Davide was one of few heads of office who took an interest in discussing with their audit teams the "summary" of year-end audit reports.

The COA officer recounted: "During one such meeting, I told him, 'These are our findings, what do I do?' He replied, 'That is your report, you must include it. The Filipino people will be happy for what you do."

She was referring to some questionable entries that she had found in the SC's books. "He is so honest," she said of the Chief Justice. "He fully recognizes the COA's power to audit."

Caga-anan's experience with Davide runs completely counter to those of some COA auditors, who have to put up with various forms of harassment for exposing irregularities in the offices they are assigned to.

The auditors said their relations with the heads of these offices were "diplomatic" at best and "adversarial" at worst.

Caga-anan admitted, however, that it was not entirely easy auditing the Supreme Court. "The accounting system had been neglected for several years," she said. "It was like (auditing) the books of the Department of Public Works and Highways—*magulo* (disorganized)."

A multi-awarded auditor, Caga-anan earlier uncovered graft at the DPWH, the Department of Health and several local government offices.

Before the JDF scandal broke out, Caga-anan said her audit team and Davide had been working together to rationalize and organize the SC's financial records.

More signatures expected to be withdrawn today

By Cynthia D. Balana

MORE SIGNATORIES to the impeachment complaint against Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide are expected to withdraw their signatures today, former Sen. Heherson Alvarez said yesterday.

Alvarez, who was elated by the multi-party withdrawal of support for the complaint in favor of a tri-partite covenant, said the number of congressmen withdrawing their signatures is expected to reach 19 by today.

Since Congress adjourned on Oct. 28, the number of signatories reached 93. At least 76 signatures are needed to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate.

If the 19 withdrawals expected by Alvarez materialize on Monday, the complaint would be deemed defeated.

"The House consensus is that there is now transparency and all the issues have been made clear to the public. There is now a reasonable understanding that the impeachment is unwarranted," Alvarez said.

A total of nine congressmen officially withdrew from the complaint as of Monday last week, most of them members of the ruling Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats.

Alvarez said he was counting on the promise of six other congressmen who expressed their support for the covenant.

He said he expected other signatories to follow suit on Monday.

Rep. Robert "Ace" Barbers, a member of the seven-man panel formed to conduct discussions on the covenant, said more than 50 percent of the members of the House were supportive of the idea.

In a press statement, Negros Oriental Rep. Herminio Teves said he was prepared to withdraw his signature provided the SC would fully cooperate with the House inquiry into the JDF.

Teves was also included in Alvarez's list of congressmen who might withdraw. He said two others will do so today or on Monday. *With Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau; Suzzane Salva, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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Amid crises, GMA assures aid donors of RP's stability

By Irene R. Sino Cruz
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday assured international aid groups that her administration remained strong amid destabilization attempts and the conflict between the government's legislative and judicial branches.

The President maintained that the country was capable of handling any crisis, such as the incident at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 2 yesterday.

"Nothing will ever justify the taking over of an international airport control tower, (risking) the lives of air passengers," Ms Macapagal said. "I must commend the swift and decisive response of our aviation security units. They were working under the direction of (Transportation and Communications) Secretary Larry Mendoza (even) while he was here. I think this proves how disaster- and terrorist-ready the Philippines is."

The President spoke during the closing ceremony of the Consultative Group Meeting for the Philippines of donor countries and international aid organizations, held at the Shangri-la Mactan Hotel. It was attended by representatives of 17 countries and 17 international organizations that had extended official development assistance to the Philippines.

Ms Macapagal said the Naia was "safe and sound."

On the issue of Chief Justice Hilario Davide's impeachment, she reiterated that she would abide by "any decision of the Supreme Court as the ultimate arbiter and interpreter of the law and the Constitution."

Meanwhile, she said, leaders of Congress and the high court were now studying a draft covenant that she had presented to them to resolve the controversy.

"Again, this shows there should be no doubt as to (our) permanent political stability," she told participants of the meeting.

Shortly before she spoke, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho reported that the donor countries had agreed to the establishment of a Mindanao multi-donor trust fund.

Camacho said many of the donor countries had committed to contribute to the fund if the government signed a peace accord with the Muslim rebels.

Ms Macapagal assured the donors that her administration would continue to pursue peace efforts with insurgents while running after terrorists, especially Jemaah Islamiyah members in the country.

Maintaining that development and peace went hand in hand, the President said:

"We can foster lasting peace in Mindanao only by promoting its sustained development. Talking peace with the MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) is our consistent priority. But our peace is not for terrorists."

Cabinet changes coming

COMING soon: a Cabinet revamp.

In her weekly radio address yesterday, President Macapagal-Arroyo gave two reasons for the forthcoming changes. "First, some Cabinet members are planning to run in the (May 2004) elections. Second, so that we can implement reform programs."

The President did not elaborate, but hinted that she was about to sack those who were performing below her expectations.

At least 10, or nearly half of the regular Cabinet secretaries, are planning to run for the Senate or other elective positions, according to sources in Lakas-CMD, the ruling party.

A Lakas official revealed that the Cabinet members were among the 30 prospective senatorial candidates of the party.

The list includes Secretaries Mar Roxas of trade, Cito Lorenzo of agriculture, Dick Gordon of tourism, Jose Lina of interior and local government, Manuel Dayrit of health, Roberto Pagdanganan of agrarian reform; presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye, national security adviser Roilo Golez, anti-kidnapping czar Angelo Reyes, Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando and presidential adviser for overseas Filipinos Heherson Alvarez.

Cabinet officials are deemed resigned from their appointive positions as soon as they file their certificates of candidacy. For the 2004 polls, the deadline is Dec. 15.

Bunye earlier downplayed the implied mass resignation in the Cabinet next month.

He said the administration had a "deep bench" from which to draw new appointees to the Cabinet. ***Juliet Labog-Javellana***

Naia takeover delays flights, cancels RP-US military training

By Jerome Aning

AT LEAST four international and seven domestic flights at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 2 were delayed during the standoff brought about by the seizure of air control tower early dawn yesterday.

In Pampanga, the US military cancelled a major flight exercise for the Talon Vision-04 ground and air training here on Saturday following the foiled takeover of the Naia 2 control tower by air force reservist Col. Panfilo Villaruel and his aide, ex-naval officer Ricardo Catchillar.

Capt. Burrell Parmer, public affairs officer of the US Third Marines Expeditionary Forces, said instruction flights using Cobra attack helicopters —which would have been a first for Philippine Air Force pilots—were called off because of the early morning assault on the airport.

PAL flights to Cagayan, Cotabato, Davao, Butuan, Bacolod and Iloilo cities and Kalibo, all set to leave between 8:25 a.m. and 9:55 a.m. were delayed 30 minutes to an hour and a half.

A PAL flight to Singapore set to leave at 8:20 a.m. was able to leave at 9:05 a.m. while another one to Bangkok, Thailand, which was supposed to leave at 9:05 a.m. was able to do so at 10:42 a.m.

Naia 2 caters solely to flights of the country's flag carrier, Philippine Airlines.

The only incoming flight affected by the standoff directly was one from Vancouver, Canada, whose pilot opted to land at the Mactan International Airport in Cebu. Other flights that were set to arrive after 4 a.m. from Los Angeles and San Francisco arrived on time.

Some airline companies decided to delay their flights to ensure their passengers' safety. At the nearby Naia Terminal 1, a flight to Qatar that was supposed to leave at 6:30 a.m. was delayed by more than an hour.

At around 1:30 a.m, Manila International Airport Authority general manager Edgardo Manda announced that the takeover of the tower was not part of a coup d'etat against the Macapagal administration nor a terrorist act. He called the incident a "simple police matter" that would be dealt with quickly since the tower was a "very critical government infrastructure." ***With Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Group takes fight vs actor-politicians to Supreme Court

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE SOCIAL Justice Society (SJS) party has asked the Supreme Court to bar actor-politicans Joey Marquez, Vilma Santos and Lito Lapid from appearing in movies and on television while they are holding public office.

In a 12-page petition for review, the SJS, through its national president Samson Alcantara, asked the high tribunal to reverse the decision of a Manila Regional Trial Court.

The political party had initially asked the Manila RTC to rule on the matter but the court dismissed its petition on June 30, saying the SJS had no legal personality. The SJS appealed the ruling but the RTC again turned it down on Sept. 12.

On Friday, the party took its case to the high court, saying the party's legal standing was "a procedural technicality" that could be "set aside where the issues raised are of paramount interest."

The SJS explained: "The citizenry is eagerly awaiting a judicial declaration on the proper conduct that must be followed by their movie or television idols who are also city or municipal mayors or provincial governors."

Alcantara insisted that the actors had violated the Local Government Code, which says all governors, city and municipal mayors were prohibited from practicing their profession and engaging in any occupation "other than the exercise of their functions as local chief executives."

He said part-time work in the movies or television enhanced the actor-politicians' income but "considerably" reduced the time they should devote to their office. It also gave them the "undue advantage" of sustained popularity over political rivals.

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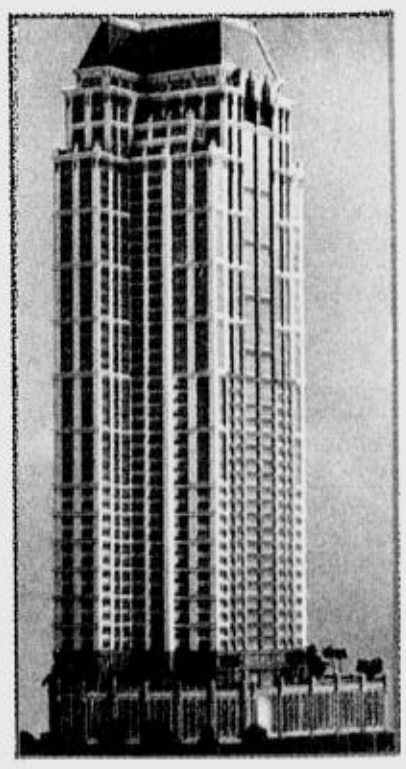

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Tower was Masada for an 'old' yet still idealistic man

By Stella O. Gonzales

I MET Col. Panfilo Villaruel for the first time in July 1999. We were part of the first Philippine trade delegation to Israel headed by former President Fidel Ramos.

I knew next to nothing about this former government official—only what I had read in the papers—and the delegation stayed in Israel for only three days. But he managed to impress me as very idealistic.

Imagine that—an "old" yet still idealistic man.

During our very hectic schedule, Villaruel managed to tell me his ideas, mostly about how the Air Force could be modernized using Filipino ingenuity and how the Philippines could still develop.

A couple of hours after our plane from Bangkok landed in Tel Aviv, Villaruel decided to forego sleep and instead went to a museum on Israeli history.

My memory of what transpired when we met in the hotel lobby afterwards remains very vivid. His eyes were full of fire as he recounted his impressions of the Israelis as a people.

"They're very nationalistic, patriotic. Why can't we Filipinos be the same?" Villaruel asked me then.

He went on to explain how the Philippines could develop if only most Filipinos cared enough for their country, like the Israelis did.

Funny man

But Villaruel was also a funny guy.

On our way to the Israeli aviation headquarters, he kept ribbing one of the members of the delegation, a government official, about the possibility of her running for the Senate, and about how he would volunteer to be her campaign manager.

Later, during our long bus ride to the Dead Sea, he coined a campaign slogan for her.

The government official kept telling him to stop lest his joke be misinterpreted by other people; she was after all a bureaucrat, not a politician.

He also told us stories about the dilapidated PAF planes, and how our skillful pilots managed to keep the planes in the air—for example, by inserting a screwdriver here and there.

From the stories he told us about his family, I could tell he was a good family man and that he was proud of his wife and children.

A few months later, I met Villaruel at a press conference that, he said, he had chanced upon because he was in the vicinity.

Dreamer

We said our hellos, and then he immediately engaged me in a serious conversation about nationalism and Philippine development.

We lost contact after that, but my impressions of this dreamer lingered. Any reminiscence about that trip to Israel always included my memories of Villaruel and his dreams.

Yesterday morning, I heard Villaruel gasping for breath on radio before he died. I searched for the only picture he and I had posed for when we were in Israel.

Die, not surrender

It was taken in Masada—the Judean desert stronghold which was the scene of one of the most dramatic episodes in human history. There, 960 people—the ancestors of the Israelis—preferred to commit suicide than surrender to the Roman conquerors.

That Villaruel would die at the air control tower yesterday was a fitting end to this idealistic "old" man.

The tower was his Masada.

Constitution limits House 'sole power' to impeach

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from the debates in the Constitutional Commission, which adopted the view that impeachment proceedings in the House begin with the filing of a verified complaint by a Member of the House, and end with the approval by one-third of the House of the Articles of Impeachment.

Not unbounded discretion

But Congress says that any impeachment action it takes is "political and non-justiciable," because the Constitution vests it with the "sole power" to impeach. We disagree. That alone does not automatically place the acts of Congress beyond scrutiny by our courts of justice. It would be so only if the Constitution gives the House unbounded discretion, such that the court lacks any objective standards or criteria by which to test their validity.

In this case, the impeachment power is actually fenced about in limits fixed by the Constitution. For instance, the "sole power" to impeach needs the vote and verified complaint by one-third of the House, can be exercised only once a year against the same person, and must follow the detailed procedure described in the Constitution.

The House's discretion is therefore confined by clear objective limits that the Supreme Court can ascertain. Its discretion is not absolute, but is "canalized into banks that keep [it] from overflowing."

Limits ascertained by SC

Should the House trespass those clear-cut boundaries, the court has the power to strike down that act. In doing so, the court does not violate the separation of powers, the doctrine that says that our freedoms thrive best when the Congress, the President and the Supreme Court check-and-balance once another.

In the petitions before the Supreme Court, none of the petitioners ask the court to substitute its judgment for that of the congressmen who signed the impeachment complaint. They do not ask the court to weigh the evidence, correct the findings, or change their moral judgments. Rather, what they ask is for the court to apply the requirements set forth in the Constitution, and declare the second complaint invalid for violating the Constitution—to apply the will of the Filipino people who ratified that Constitution in 1987.

Principle of judicial review

The principle of judicial review was long ago established, and has survived even the darkest days of martial rule.

FRIENDS of court, former Senate President Jovito Salonga and UP Law Dean Raul C. Pangalangan get ready to present their oral arguments before the Supreme Court on Thursday. PDI PHOTO FILE

In a classic 1935 ruling by the court, Justice Laurel said: "When the judiciary mediates to allocate constitutional boundaries, it does not assert any superiority over the other departments ... but only asserts the solemn and sacred obligation assigned to it by the Constitution."

SC struck down laws

Through the decades, the Supreme Court has struck down entire laws passed by the Congress (recall the Oil Deregulation Law), orders issued by the President (recall the national I.D. law), decisions by even the independent constitutional bodies that have the "sole power" over their respective domains (Comelec, Civil Service Commission, House Electoral Tribunal, etc.). Indeed, when the framers of our Constitution sat down to write the charter in 1986 soon after Marcos fell, they made sure that the Court's power of review was expanded and its independence, strengthened.

Not theirs alone

We conclude that the petitions raise justiciable questions, and that the court may review and strike down the Second Impeachment Complaint as invalid and unconstitutional. It is misleading for some congressmen to say that the Supreme Court must not tread on their turf. That turf was not theirs alone to start with, but the peoples.'

Nonetheless, we have called upon the court to use its power with care and only as a last resort, as truly the final arbiter of constitutional disputes. Other Friends of the Court (*amici curiae*) counsels have invoked what is known as "judicial restraint," and asked that the petitions be dismissed. We DISAGREE. We insist that the court assume jurisdiction, that the court NOT dismiss the petitions, and ask only that the court not rush into judgment.

Blocking actions

There remain, in the meantime, constitutional avenues to block the impeachment complaint. Enough House Members can withdraw their signatures below the one-third threshold, or block the transmittal to the Senate of the Articles of Impeachment by a majority vote.

The constitutional defects can be raised before the Senate as well, which may dismiss the charges on a Motion to Quash. For as long as these remedies are not a sham, the court may find it the better part of prudence to let the constitutional process rectify the error.

Battle for hearts, minds

We realize the trauma that a simple and decent man today endures, as that of his loved ones, and of our fevered nation.

But we witness today a battle for the hearts and minds of the Filipino people, a battle fought in the courts, in the streets, in mass media. The court does not work in a political vacuum.

'Least dangerous'

The judiciary, the "least dangerous branch" wields not the power of arms (the President and her military chieftains do), nor the power of the purse (the Congress, and their business patrons do). The Supreme Court alone wields the power to give or withhold legitimacy. That power must be wielded wisely.

An ill-timed verdict will scarcely vindicate an innocent man nor save a nation's soul, and will fail the judgment of history.

High moral ground

The Davide watch has sought to bring the judiciary to high moral ground. It is that high moral ground that the court must not yield to those who would imperil our fragile democracy.

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Welcome oasis

The institute cited the Greenbelt 3 development in the heart of the Philippines' premier business district for providing a "welcome oasis for nature and culture while attracting and sustaining business."

It noted Greenbelt 3's open-air concept, which it called an "unconventional garden wall design" unlike the enclosed air-conditioned shopping centers typical of the Philippines.

"It offers a new model for retail/entertainment development in Asia, one with an intense sense of place that responds to the Philippine culture and lifestyle and to the demands of international retail and entertainment standards," the institute said in its awards program.

Also recently, the International Council of Shopping Centers, the trade association of the shopping center industry, gave a Merit Award to the ALI for the launch of Greenbelt 3. The award was presented during the ICSC Maxi Awards for Marketing Excellence.

Major challenge

ALI president Francisco H. Licuanan III told the Urban Land Institute that building Greenbelt 3 around a park and preserving its 440 trees—including lush acacia, palm and banyan—was a major challenge.

He said that in response to the challenge, the ALI decided to "celebrate the park" by increasing its size from 1.6. hectares to three hectares, adding 200 more trees, shrubs, flowering plants and water features.

To provide more land, the ALI relocated the parking space underground.

It also gave full consideration to the Filipino's innate fondness for dining and socializing. "We recruited only the best restaurateurs and entertainment operators for this one-of-a-kind destination, which offers an indoor-outdoor experience," Licuanan said.

The presence of a chapel and the Ayala Museum at the site also indicates "our intent to accommodate the Filipinos' lifestyle and customary activities," he said, adding:

"By incorporating a unique urban retail entertainment concept, we have made Greenbelt the new dining and entertainment capital of metropolitan Manila and the country's first lifestyle center."

Dreaming and building

The award is timely for the ALI, which celebrates this year its 15 years as a premier full-line real estate company.

The celebration theme, "You Keep Dreaming, We'll Keep Building," is echoed in its citation.

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According to the awards jury chair Wayne Ratokovich, the Urban Land Institute winners exemplify the trend for designs to cut dependency on autos, to provide housing closer to jobs and to preserve more green space.

Greenbelt 3 also stands out in its class for providing its visitors an effective and comfortable connection to other retail buildings through its elevated walkways.

Other winners

The two other Asian winners are Atago Green Hills in Tokyo and the Shanghai Xintiandi in Shanghai.

The Japanese winner blends the wooden groves of Tokyo's Mount Atago and three 300-year-old Buddhist temples with a 352-unit residential tower, a 52,378-sq.m. office tower, a retail plaza, a TV broadcasting museum and a printing factory.

The development in Shanghai melds the city's past with the commercial realities of urban living.

The seven US developments include the Chattahoochee River Greenway in Georgia, which involved the creation of a series of public greenways and parks along the 180-mile stretch of riverbanks throughout the state.

Another awardee is the Bay Harbor in Michigan, a 1,200-acre luxury residential community built on an abandoned site of a cement plant and limestone quarry.

Yet another is the town of Seaside in Florida. The town cited as a model for new urbanism is scaled for pedestrians with generous civic spaces, as well as a publicly owned oceanfront property that provides a strong sense of community. *Ruby Villavicencio Paurom, Contributor*

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Monkey tests . . .

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animals more alert than non-exercisers.

"What we found was a higher brain capillary volume in those monkeys who exercised than in those monkeys who did not," Judy Cameron of the divisions of Reproductive Sciences and Neuroscience at Oregon Health & Science University said in a statement.

"Specifically, changes were most noted in older animals that were less fit at the start of the study," she added in a statement.

More alert

"The next step of this research is to determine whether other areas of the brain undergo physical changes. For instance, how are brain cells affected and does that impact cognitive performance." Cameron, who presented her findings to a meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans, said the findings should help explain why exercise also seems to make people more alert.

"While we already know that exercise is good for the heart and reduces the incidence of obesity, this study shows exercise can literally cause physical changes in the brain," she said.

"Furthermore, we believe the study results show exercise causes a person to be more engaged and provides another reason for people to make physical activity part of their daily regimen. This is especially true in the case of the elderly with whom decline in mental function over time is a common occurrence."

For their study they separated 24 monkeys into three groups.

On treadmills

One group exercised on treadmills for a set distance five days a week. A second group did not exercise, and a third group exercised for 20 weeks and then remained sedentary.

They measured the volume of small blood vessels, called capillaries, in the motor cortex region of the brain in all three groups of monkeys.

They also ran several tests on the monkeys' mental abilities.

In one, a treat is placed under two toys. After a brief delay, the monkey was allowed to find the treat.

Exercisers were "more aroused, alert and engaged," Cameron said, although they did not find the treats any faster. *Reuters*

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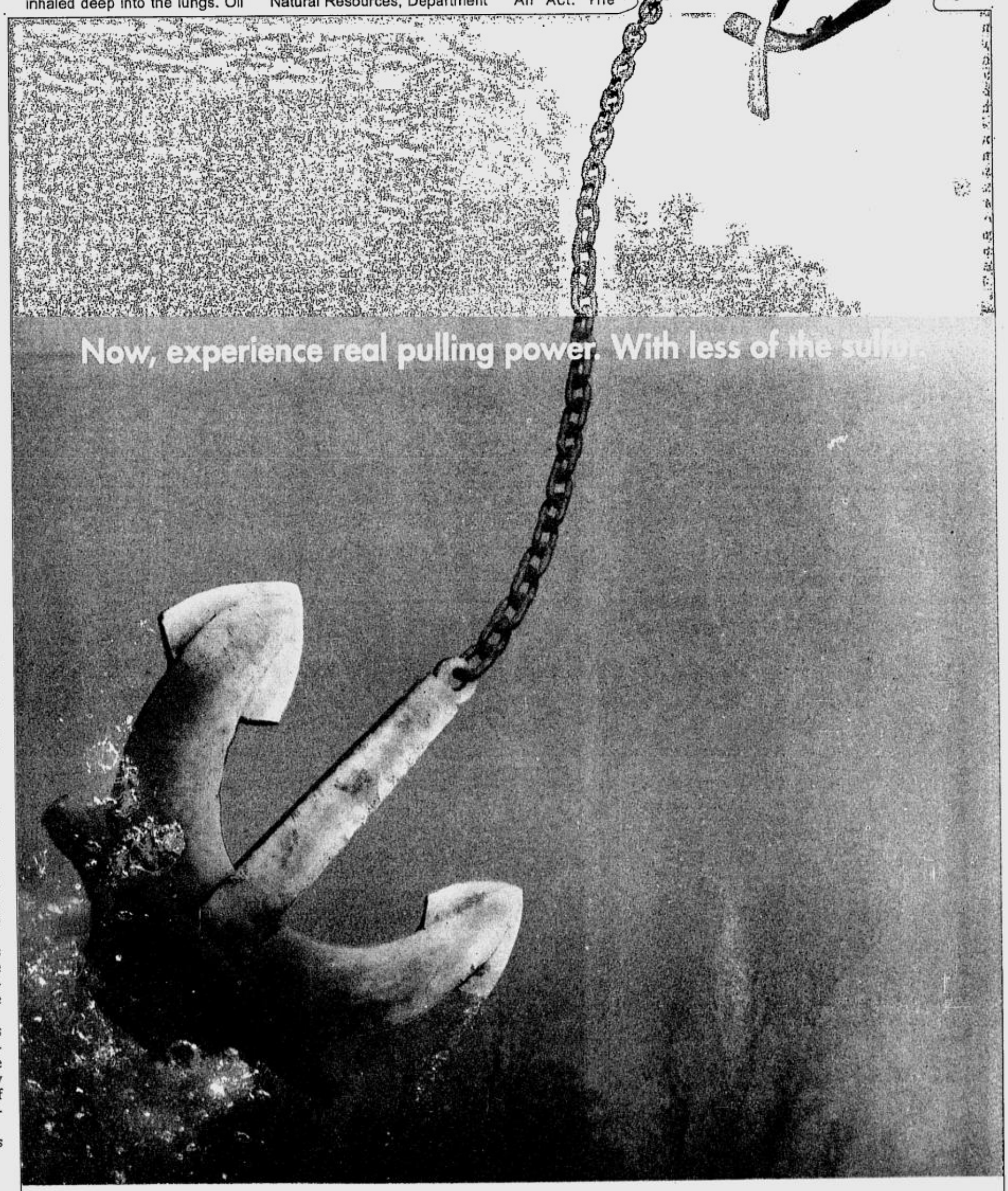

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Lacson's political adviser Lito Banayo said some of the senator's supporters had received text messages urging them to deposit any amount in a specified bank account to entitle them to win between P800,000 and P1,000,000.

Banayo said the text messages came from cell phone no. 0919-240-7003 and used the name of Lacson.

The scheme, Banayo said, appeared to be part of a demolition job against the senator who has declared his candidacy for president in 2004. Lacson, a former Philippine National Police chief, has been embroiled in numerous controversies which portray him either as a hero or villain.

Banayo said the same scheme was used against then Vice President Joseph Estrada during the 1998 presidential elections and former first lady Dr. Loi Ejercito when she ran for the Senate in 2001.

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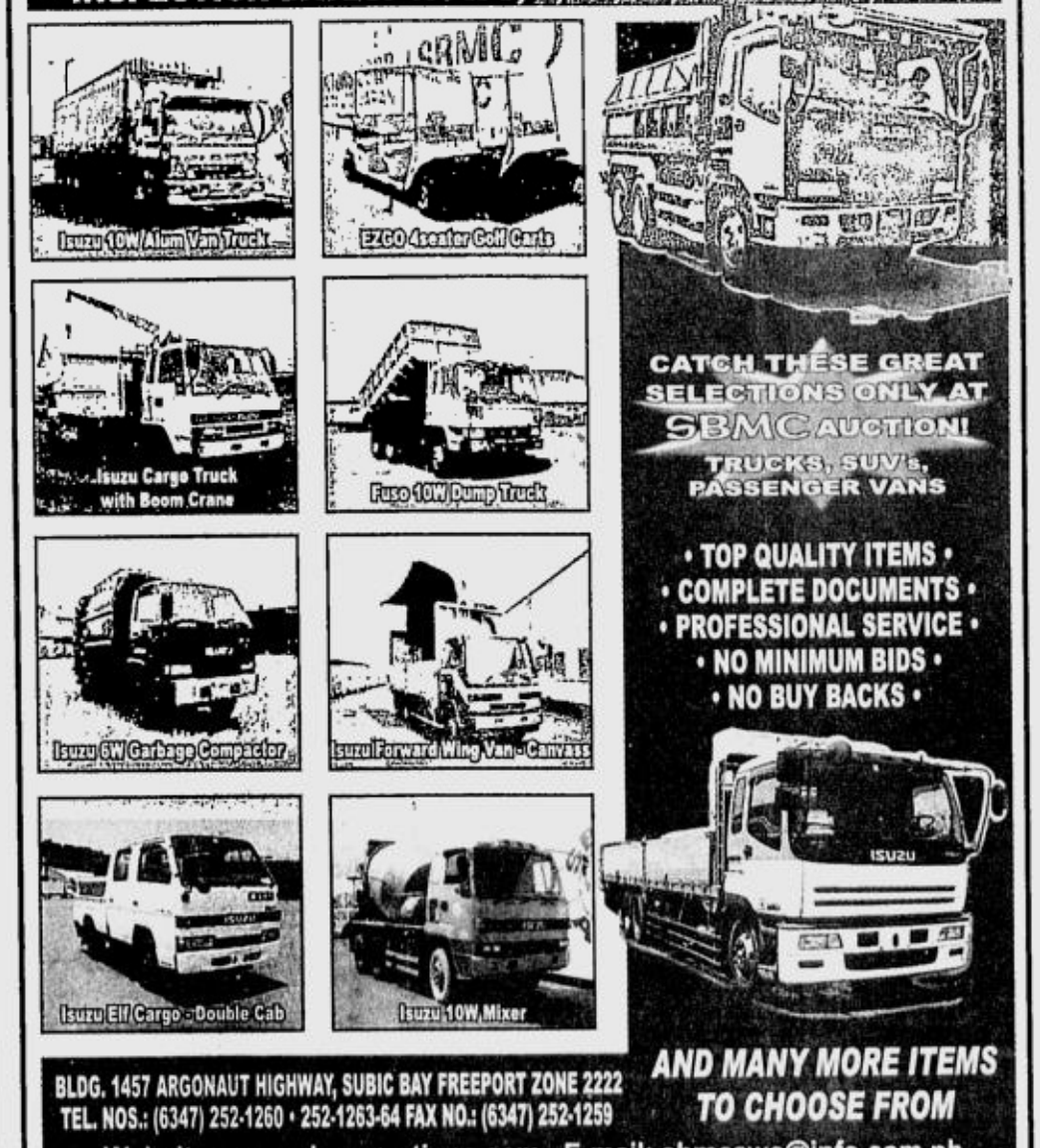

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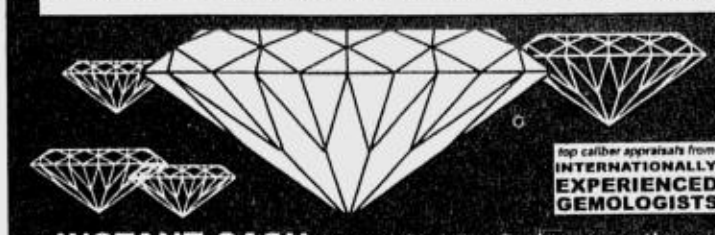

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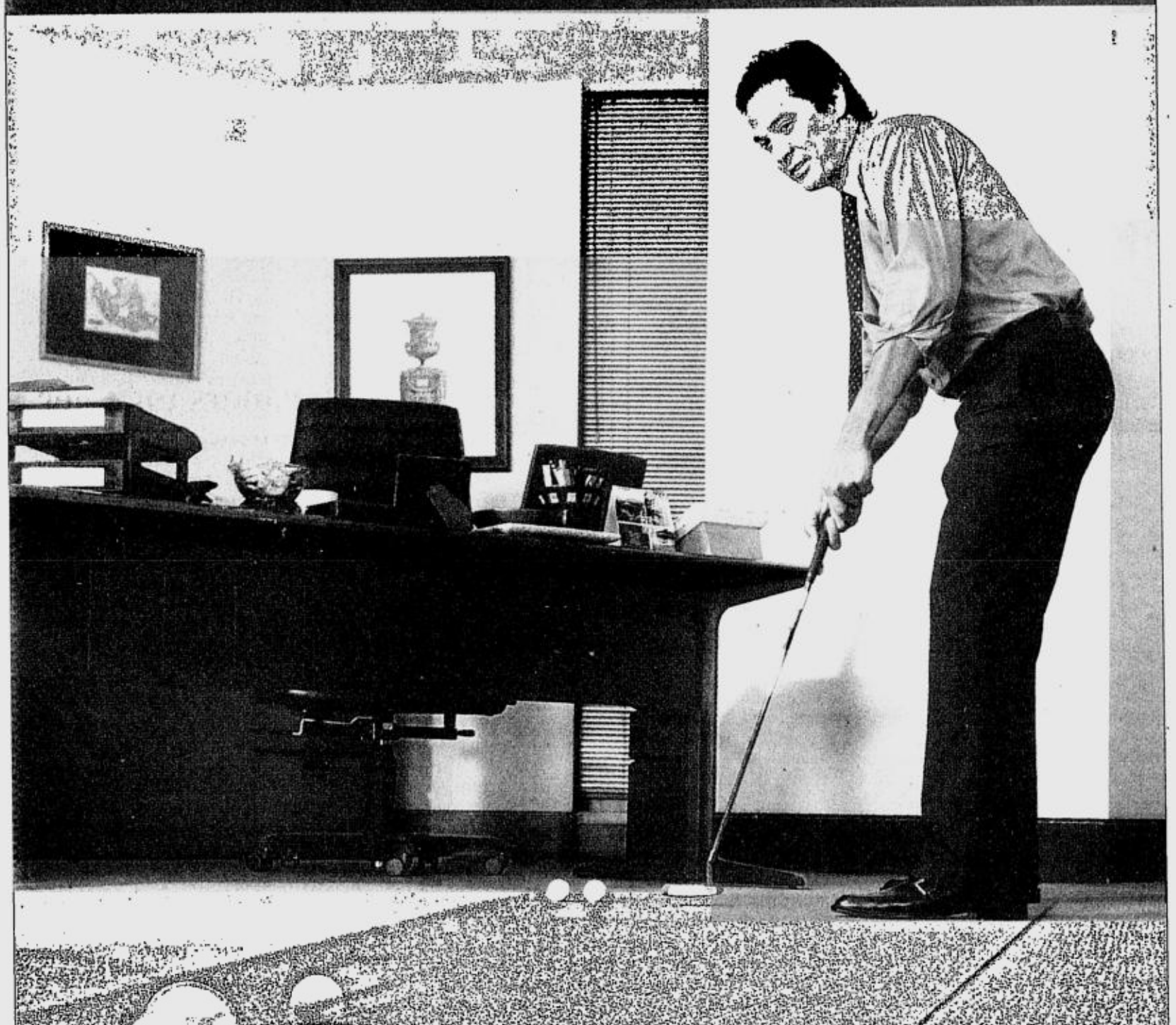

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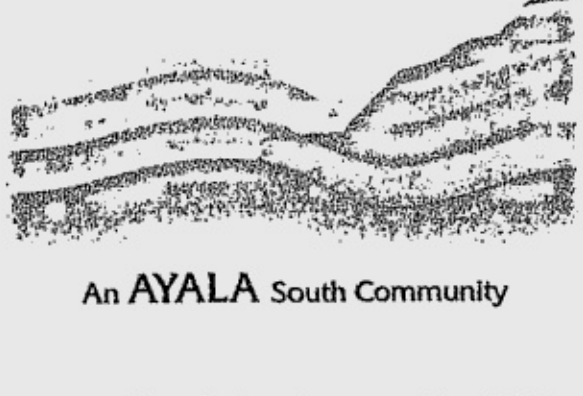

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He's not alone

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tion was an aborted coup, but said the police and military would remain on "maximum alert."

The Philippine National Police refused to comment officially on the speculations. Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, police information officer, said the PNP was still investigating the matter.

"The course and magnitude of the incident show that it was not an attempt to take over the government," Ms Macapagal said in a televised address shortly after the siege.

Security checkpoint

The President said "no unauthorized movement of troops have been detected as of this time anywhere in the country, no unusual threats directly or remotely have been monitored."

She said security checkpoints have been established around Metro Manila while monitoring posts in the provinces and key urban centers activated as part of government surveillance.

"I ask the public to remain calm, cooperate with authorities and bear with temporary inconveniences brought about by this incident," she said.

Police matter

"It is an isolated police matter that doesn't need intervention by the Armed Forces," Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, the Armed Forces vice chief, said in a TV interview.

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, military chief information officer, said "the incident is not in any way connected with any destabilization move."

Even so, the military alerted some contingency units in Camp Aguinaldo, including the anti-destabilization Task Force Libra.

Military officials also downplayed reports that a retired Navy commodore had been recruiting officers in Mindanao for another coup that would establish a civilian-military junta.

Lucero said that an inquiry showed that the information was not true.

The theory that the Villaruel caper was an aborted coup has been reinforced by the reported recruitment for yet another coup attempt, the military sources said.

Retired officers

The Army officer said retired officers had been "silently visiting the fields" to convince young soldiers to join another coup.

"They are getting their way because officers in the field are condoning him," he said.

As early as two weeks ago, these retired officials were seen meeting with representatives of at least three groups at the Quezon City office of a lawyer who is widely known to be a fierce critic of Ms Macapagal, he added.

"These people are doing many things that are highly suspicious," said the second source.

Some of the retired soldiers had served under the Ramos administration, he said, adding that the military was checking information that among the officers were former defense secretary Fortunato Abat and ex-captain Felix Turingan, a former president of the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa.

Civilian component

The source said the group meeting at the Quezon City law office was trying to revive the "civilian component" of the Makati uprising.

One of the groups, he said, were known supporters of ousted ex-President Joseph Estrada, while another played a key role in the people power uprising of 2001 that catapulted Ms Macapagal to power but had a falling-out with the President.

Abat yesterday denied reports that he was involved in any destabilization moves, but admitted to being critical of the government.

"I'm not involved but I'm fiscalizing our way of governance. Apparently, there's no more check and balance in the three branches. There's no unity of governance," Abat said in a phone interview.

When asked to comment on reports that he was among retired officials being monitored by the military hierarchy for possible involvement in destabilization plots, Abat said: "I hope they come and talk to me."

Abat, a former ambassador, defense secretary and Army chief, admitted that he has been openly criticizing the government for the crisis over the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., among other issues.

Cottage industry

Administration Sen. Joker Arroyo yesterday reminded the military that a coup d'etat would only succeed if two essential components were present: full backing from the military establishment and the support of the people.

"They've made a cottage industry out of coups. We see crackpots starting a coup, which ends before it even begins," said Arroyo, who was executive secretary when then President Corazon Aquino was besieged by a series of coups.

Arroyo castigated military offiers who delude themselves into believing that they are called upon by the Constitution to intervene when the civilian authorities are unable to get their act together.

He explained that the "protector of the people" clause in the nation's fundamental law "means that the military must defend the Constitution and the people, and not for them to make their own government."

He advised military adventurists to stay in the sidelines and allow the Supreme Court to rule on the constitutionality of the second impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

Oakwood issues

Former senator Raul Roco, a presidential candidate, said the ATO incident showed that the issues brought out during the Oakwood mutiny have remained unresolved.

Roco, in a telephone interview from Cebu City, said the ATO siege should serve as a wake-up call to the Macapagal administration that it can no longer continue to sweep under the rug the issues and concerns that were raised by the mutinous officers and soldiers.

Perennial coup plotter Sen.Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan yesterday said that talk of a coup was "irresponsible" and "should be discouraged," especially at this time.

Honasan, who has been charged with involvement in the July 27 power grab, said he agrees with the President's call for unity in the face of the looming constitutional crisis over Davide's impeachment.

He was for "whatever solution that could generate support and unity in the country."

He said the incident at the Naia control tower was "unfortunate". *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac and Christine Avendaño and Jhunnex Napallacan and Kathy Navarro, PDI Visayas Bureau*

VILLARUEL family at Camp Crame are demanding a probe into the shooting of their father and Catchillar because they were killed like "criminals." JOAN BONDOC

Ex-aviation chief . . .

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she gave him the go-signal to launch an "operation" against Villaruel.

The incident occurred just hours after Ms Macapagal issued a warning to power grabbers taking advantage of the crisis resulting from the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. that they faced the full force of the law.

No excuse

The President rationalized the killing of Villaruel, saying: "Nothing will ever justify the taking over of an international control tower and prejudicing the lives of air passengers. There can be absolutely no excuse to terrorize the public in this manner."

Raul Roco, a presidential aspirant and former senator, said Villaruel must have had a reason for his action.

"He himself built the tower [in 1994] during his time as ATO chief," said Roco, speaking in Filipino in his weekly program over dzBB. "Why would he suddenly force his way into the building shouting, *'Sobra na ang* corruption! *Magising na ang mga* leader! (Enough of the corruption! Leaders, wake up!)?"

Control tower

It is the control tower that ensures the orderly and scheduled landings and takeoffs of planes that use the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Tower personnel update pilots on the ground situation, weather condition, runway clearance and other information that affect flights.

Manila International Airport Authority general manager Edgardo Manda said flights were operating normally. He said airport officials used another tower to maintain operations during the siege.

Not power grab

Manda also said the pilot of an incoming PAL flight from Vancouver, British Columbia, landed at the Mactan airport in Cebu City before the siege ended. Among the passengers was INQUIRER national editor Pergentino Bandayrel Jr.

Reading from a prepared statement that she repeated in her radio message at 10 a.m., Ms Macapagal said: "The nature, course and magnitude of this incident show that it is not an attempt to take over the government.

"No unauthorized movements of troops remotely related to the incident have been monitored.

"There is no cause for alarm. The situation has been resolved. We will scale down our alerts quickly as complete normalcy is established."

As if to prove this, the President went ahead with her scheduled trip to the cities of Cebu and Mandaue.

Despair, drift

Villaruel and Catchillar, 38, seized the high-security, 12-story-high tower at 11:30 p.m. Friday and forced the supervisor and his four-person staff, including two women, to leave.

Officials said the two men were armed with pistols and hand grenades, and that they had also strapped themselves and wired the steel door with explosives.

In a radio interview before the ASG stormed the tower, Villaruel expressed despair over government corruption and what he described as the aimless drift of the country.

"Despite all my efforts to call the attention of the Congress, the Senate and the military, no one listens, so now maybe they will listen," he told dzBB. "I am not here to grab power. I just want to tell you that the Philippines will not go anywhere."

Moments later, gunfire was heard in the background, and Villaruel said: "They are killing us. ... We surrender." Radio listeners then heard him gasping for breath.

Retired Brig. Gen. Angel Atutubo, assistant airport general manager for security, theorized that the two men were allowed inside the control tower because Villaruel was a former ATO chief and carried an old airport ID.

"He was allowed entry out of courtesy," said Atutubo, who added that authorities would investigate how the two men managed to slip in guns, grenades and explosives.

"Apparently, this was a case of a disgruntled official," Manda said. "He was frustrated with the current political situation, such as the impeachment of Davide. He was also apparently frustrated that his blueprint for a plane or helicopter was never noticed. He had some frustrations and gripes."

Head and body shots

Villaruel and Catchillar died of multiple gunshot wounds to the head and torso, according to Chief Supt. Restituto Mosqueda, chief of the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory.

Besides the autopsy, the bodies were also subjected to liquor, blood, paraffin and ballistic tests, the results of which will be made public by tomorrow afternoon, Mosqueda told reporters.

Caro said a .45-cal. and a 9mm pistols, two fragmentation grenades and a number of what he called incendiary explosive devices, were taken from the bodies.

Secretary Mendoza quoted ASG officers as saying they did not hear "any word of surrender."

Bomb entry

"You know, the door [to the tower] is made of very thick [glass], and [Villaruel and Catchillar] fortified it with chairs," Mendoza said. "[The ASG] had to do a bomb entry. And when the door fell through, they were met with gunfire. So they had to return fire."

Caro himself told reporters: "They were the first to shoot; we were left with no other choice but to neutralize them."

He said they resorted to the "final option measure" because the disabling of the tower was endangering airport operations.

In a statement, Interior Secretary Joey Lina congratulated the ASG for its "firmness and decisiveness to recover the control tower as well as the coordination of different government agencies in resolving the incident."

Research

Manuel Salva, Villaruel's driver, was detained by the ASG for questioning. He disavowed knowledge of Villaruel's plan to seize the tower, adding that he had only been in the latter's employ for the past three days.

He said they were billeted at the Sugarland Hotel near the Naia while Villaruel was doing "research work."

Salva said he had accompanied Villaruel and Catchillar to the tower and was ordered out of the place along with the ATO staff.

Manda told reporters that Villaruel and Catchillar were "guests" of the ATO for the whole week, and that the two had been in the airport premises since about 8 p.m. Friday.

He said Villaruel was developing software on air control systems and gathering "research data."

According to Manda, the tower is inside the Naia complex but is operated by the ATO, which has its own security personnel posted at the entrances and perimeter.

VIP treatment

He said ATO and airport security personnel extended "courtesy" and VIP treatment to Villaruel because the latter was a former ATO chief.

He also said the guards and airport police had probably grown accustomed to seeing Villaruel and his companions going in and out of the tower, and could have "waived" security procedures such as frisks, metal scanning and bag searches.

Villaruel was said to have smuggled in the guns and grenades in an attache case and a clutch bag.

Manda said a thorough investigation of the "serious breach of airport security" would be conducted, and those proved negligent would be punished.

But Roco criticized government officials who dismissed the incident as an ordinary police problem.

"How can it be an ordinary problem when the tower is considered an installation vital to security?" Roco said. *With reports from Alcuin Papa, Christian V. Esguerra, Margaux Ortiz*

'We surrender, we surrender'; then dying . . .

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the airport control tower: "Like you, I've been airing complaints against the government. But did anyone listen?"

"All we do is debate, all we do is argue," Clavio quoted Villaruel as saying.

No Magdalo

"There is no politics here. Tell them I won't do a Magdalo here [referring to the mutinous soldiers that seized the Oakwood hotel in Makati in July]," he told Clavio.

In another earlier interview with TV journalist Jessica Soho, Villlaruel said in Filipino: "I saw you last night on 'Debate' [the Thursday night TV show on Channel 7 where President Macapagal-Arroyo was a guest]. I could see it's all hypocrisy, that's there's no future for the Philippines."

Clavio said he believed Villaruel's giving conditions for his surrender was a sign that he had "softened."

But the chance to surrender never came.

Even as they were talking off-air, Clavio said he could hear bursts of gunfire through Villaruel's cell phone.

Assault begins

"Naku Arnold! Pinapasok na kami! [Oh, Arnold! They're coming in!]" Villaruel shouted.

"Arnold ima-murder na kami. [Arnold, they're going to murder us]!" he screamed.

Clavio said he heard the sound of guns being cocked.

"Colonel, I'll call you back," Clavio recalled telling Villaruel.

He said he alerted another GMA radio reporter about what he heard and asked his colleague to inform the assaulting team that Villaruel had shouted the word he thought would save his life.

But Clavio's colleague was not able to reach the assaulting team.

"The gunfire continued," Clavio said.

Clavio said he could hear "voices of other men."

"That means the assaulting team was already inside [the tower]," said Clavio.

He called Villaruel again.

"Who's this?" Clavio recalled Villaruel asking.

At this point, the phone conversation was put on air on dzBB radio.

"Arnold, Arnold..." he recalled hearing from the other end of the line.

"There was a weird sound. I thought my cell phone signal was getting messed up," said Clavio.

He described a hissing sound that one hears when a call is disrupted and the signal weakens.

Clavio said he could hear different sounds—male voices, brief pauses of silence and then a long "tooooooooot."

He said a colleague at the TV station was the one who pointed out to him that the sound that he thought was a disrupted phone signal was actually the gasps of a dying man.

"The sound I heard turned out to be his last gasp for breath," Clavio said.

"What a waste. He was willing to surrender. He could have been still alive," he said.

Airport drama

The airport drama started at midnight on Friday when the 62-year-old retired soldier and commercial airline pilot and a former Navy officer, Ricardo Catchillar, both reportedly armed with pistols, grenades and explosives strapped to their bodies, seized the 12-story air traffic control tower of Naia 2, also called the Centennial Terminal, which was built during Villaruel's term.

He said 10 to 15 men had taken over the tower and planted bombs inside. He banished the air controllers, briefly shutting down the country's busiest airport.

He advised the authorities to divert planes to other airports to avoid collisions and told civilians not to go near the airport.

Police stormed the tower about three hours later to bring the drama to a bloody conclusion. Villaruel and Catchillar were both shot dead by a special operations unit of the Philippine National Police Airport Security Group led by Senior Supt. Andres Caro.

According to Naia assistant general manager Angel Atutubo, Villaruel, his driver identified as Manuel Salva, and Catchillar managed to enter the tower's compound at around 11:30 p.m. on Friday night after Villaruel was recognized by the security guards on duty.

"As a basic courtesy, the guards let him in," Atutubo said. He also revealed that Villaruel had been going to the tower for the past few days doing "research."

Food for duty personnel

Caro said that at some point during Villaruel's seizure of the tower, he ordered his driver to buy food for the duty personnel composed of two men, two women and one supervisor.

After eating, Villaruel announced he was taking over the tower and ordered the personnel and his driver to leave the compound.

Sounded 'drunk'

Villaruel and Catchillar then occupied the top of the air control tower. Caro said the two rigged the door of the control room with explosives.

At this point, airport officials including Atutubo, Caro and Naia General Manager Edgar Manda, were informed of the situation. Airport officials immediately shut down and isolated the tower to prevent it from wreaking havoc on air traffic.

Throughout the three-hour drama, Villaruel was being interviewed by various broadcast journalists.

Manda said Villaruel sounded "drunk and incoherent."

Atutubo said one of Villaruel's staff tried to negotiate for an hour and a half with the former ATO official to no avail.

GMA orders assault

The assault team prepared to attack.

Caro said President Macapagal-Arroyo herself ordered the assault.

"We had to assault the position to immediately normalize the situation and operations. We had to recover the control tower," Caro said.

At around 2:45 a.m., about 20 members of the ASG's Special Operations Unit stormed the control tower and shot Villaruel and Catchillar dead.

The assault lasted about 10 minutes. Journalists stationed on the ground watched as gunfire illuminated the control room of the tower. Reporters also heard windows shattering.

"We have neutralized the two suspects. We have also recovered a .45-cal. pistol, a 9mm pistol, a grenade and other explosive devices," Caro told reporters.

Caro said it was the two who had fired first.

He said it was standard operating procedure for airport police to launch an assault to take back any facility taken over and to assure the safety of passengers.

No members of the assault team were reported injured.

Multiple gunshot wounds

Villaruel was said to have sustained three gunshot wounds to the head. It was not immediately known how many gunshot wounds Catchillar sustained.

Manda told reporters that flights were operating normally by 4 a.m. He said another tower was used to maintain flight operations during the siege.

Just after 6 a.m., the bodies of Villaruel and Catchillar were taken out of the tower and brought to the PNP Crime Laboratory in Camp Crame.

In his interviews with various broadcast journalists, Villaruel ranted about alleged widespread corruption in government, and condemned a government decision he claimed had halted a plane and helicopter design program he had initiated.

Villaruel did not cite any specific cases of corruption, saying "you only have to read the papers."

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez and Manda both later described the ex-official's comments as "incoherent."

Asked about the motive for Villaruel's action, Atutubo told AFP: "It was a personal problem."

Atutubo said he tried to negotiate with Villaruel but the former official refused to take his phone calls or radio communications.

Ignored inventions

Clavio said that during their lengthy off-air conversation, Villaruel had complained of many things, but particularly about his inventions being ignored.

"He specifically mentioned his wooden airplane invention," said Clavio.

Villaruel said the government "killed my program" to develop the Defiant 300, a small plane with wooden components, as well as the Hummingbird, a small helicopter.

"Had we persevered, we would not be groveling before the Americans for obsolete Hueys (Bell UH-1H helicopters)," he said.

Villaruel was an assistant secretary of the transportation department between 1992 to 1998 during the Ramos presidency.

Villaruel first gained national attention in the early 1980s when he led an effort that produced a prototype propeller-driven plane, made largely of wood. His dream that it would be adopted by the military was never fulfilled, however.

Patriotic, in despair

Villaruel's former boss, Ramos' transportation secretary Josephine Lichauco, said he was "very patriotic" but was "in despair" because of what he perceived as lack of government support for his initiatives.

Although Villaruel showed every indication that he wanted to live, Clavio said the former ATO chief had told him he was ready to die.

"This is my last contribution, my legacy to the decent people of the Philippines —to stand up and tell the leaders of this country to wake up," he said.

"I am the representative of 82 million Filipinos who are crying for help. I am ready to offer my life," he said.

Villaruel said the control tower was built in 1994 during his term. "It was named after me and it would be fitting if I died here."

A few hours later, his body, covered with a yellow blanket, was carried out of the tower on a stretcher and loaded aboard a police van.

MILF blames gov't for talks' delay

By Edwin O. Fernandez
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COTABATO CITY—The secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday blamed the government's failure to withdraw its troops from the Buliok Complex in Pikit, North Cotabato, for the delay in the resumption of the stalled peace talks.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said Malaysia which will host and mediate the GRP-MILF peace negotiation has not set a date for the resumption of formal talks because the Philippine government has yet to reposition its troops.

"The government wants to get away from the issue of Buliok despite its commitment to re-deploy its forces in the area," Kabalu told the INQUIRER.

But Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita, the government's former chief peace negotiator, told radio station dxMS here that the government has already repositioned its troops in Pikit but left just enough soldiers, mostly Muslims, to act as peacekeepers.

He said the Moro soldiers, called the "Salaam (Peace) Army" have successfully maintained law and order in the area.

"A Marine brigade previously deployed in Buliok has been moved to Lanao del Sur," Ermita said.

Under the joint communique issued by the peace panels following exploratory talks in Kuala Lumpur in March, the government promised to withdraw its forces from the Buliok Complex, a sprawling Moro community composed of several villages in the towns of Pikit, North Cotabato and Pagalungan, Maguindanao.

In July exploratory talks in Malaysia, the MILF reiterated that the government should comply with the terms of the communique.

The government peace panel, then headed by Ermita, had agreed to fast-track the redeployment of troops and to work for the dropping of criminal charges against rebel leaders in connection with the twin bombings in Davao earlier this year.

"To date, the same commitment has remained on paper," Kabalu said.

"Soldiers are still in the Buliok, especially the Islamic center," he added.

The late MILF chair Salamat Hashim used the Islamic Center in Buliok as the separatist rebels' main base after Camp Abubakar was overrun by government troops in 2000.

Salamat was again forced to abandon the Buliok Complex after the military launched offensives against MILF forces in February.

Michael Mastura, MILF peace panel member, said the government's non-compliance with previous agreements remains the biggest stumbling block to the peace process.

"It takes two to tango, we have done our part, but the government has not," Mohagher Iqbal, MILF peace panel chair, said.

But in Zamboanga City, Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko said the MILF continues to commit atrocities, the latest of which was the Nov. 4 killing of a barangay official in Zamboanga del Norte.

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Blackhawk confirmed downed by missile

TIKRIT/BAGHDAD—A US helicopter which crashed in Iraq on Friday killing all six people aboard was shot down, a US officer said on Saturday, as insurgents demonstrated their growing strength seven months after American troops entered Baghdad.

"We do believe it was brought down by ground fire," said Lt. Col. Steve Russell of the 4th Infantry Division based in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit where the helicopter was brought down.

The crash a day earlier capped a bloody six-day period for US forces, which started Sunday with the downing of a CH-47 Chinook transport helicopter outside Fallujah, killing 16 soldiers in the deadliest single strike since the start of the US-led war.

A Tikrit resident claimed he saw the chopper being shot down and a soldier said it appeared it may have been hit.

Local Saqr Ghani, 19, said he saw one chopper, flanked by another, struck by a projectile.

"I saw one of the helicopters shot from the side and I saw smoke and a ball of fire," said Ghani, as he watched a column of smoke shoot up from the crash site.

The chopper smashed down on a small island in the Tigris River, opposite Saddam Hussein's former palace, which now serves as headquarters to the 4th Infantry Division.

The US response was swift. After dark on Friday, warplanes swooped over Tikrit, dropping several 500-pound bombs near the helicopter crash site. Then raids were launched around the town—a hotbed of resistance to the US-led occupation.

"We are targeting those areas where we have had attacks on coalition forces," Russell said. "We want to eliminate those threats."

US warplanes and armored vehicles battered suspected guerrilla hideouts near Tikrit, 175 km north of Baghdad. F-16 fighter planes dropped bombs on targets and troops backed by Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles destroyed several houses which the US military believed had been used by insurgents.

Tikrit is the hometown of Saddam. Many suspect the fallen dictator is still hiding out in the region among his diehard supporters and possibly even directing some attacks against the Americans.

It was the second chopper crash in the area in less than two weeks. A Blackhawk chopper was knocked down on Oct. 25 by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG), wounding one soldier.

The crashes have raised alarm that guerrilla-style insurgents have carefully watched the Americans' methods and tactics over the past half-year and are now starting to flex their muscles.

In Mosul, further north, a US soldier was killed and seven wounded Friday when their convoy was ambushed by assailants firing RPGs, a military spokesperson said. *Reuters, AFP*

US missions in Saudi closed over threat of 'imminent attack'

RIYADH—All US missions in Saudi Arabia were closed Saturday for a security review after warning of a serious threat of attacks in the kingdom, the Riyadh embassy said.

"The embassy continues to receive credible information the terrorists in Saudi Arabia have moved from the planning to operational phase of planned attacks in the kingdom," said a recorded "warden" message on Saturday.

"The embassy strongly urges all American citizens in the kingdom to be especially vigilant when in any area that is perceived to be American or Western.

"In light of the seriousness of the current threat, the embassy in Riyadh and the US consulates general in Jeddah and Dhahran will close on Saturday, Nov. 8, to review their current security posture," it added.

"The American community will be advised when this review is completed and when the US mission plans to resume normal operations."

An embassy spokesperson said the closure might last longer than Saturday, the first day of the Muslim week.

"It is possible that it will take more than one day," said a spokesperson at the embassy in the sprawling diplomatic quarter on the edge of the capital.

Access to the quarter is controlled by police barricades, and security at the fenced-off US embassy is very tight.

"Experts will take this day by day," said the official, adding that reports that the embassy would close for three days were "speculation."

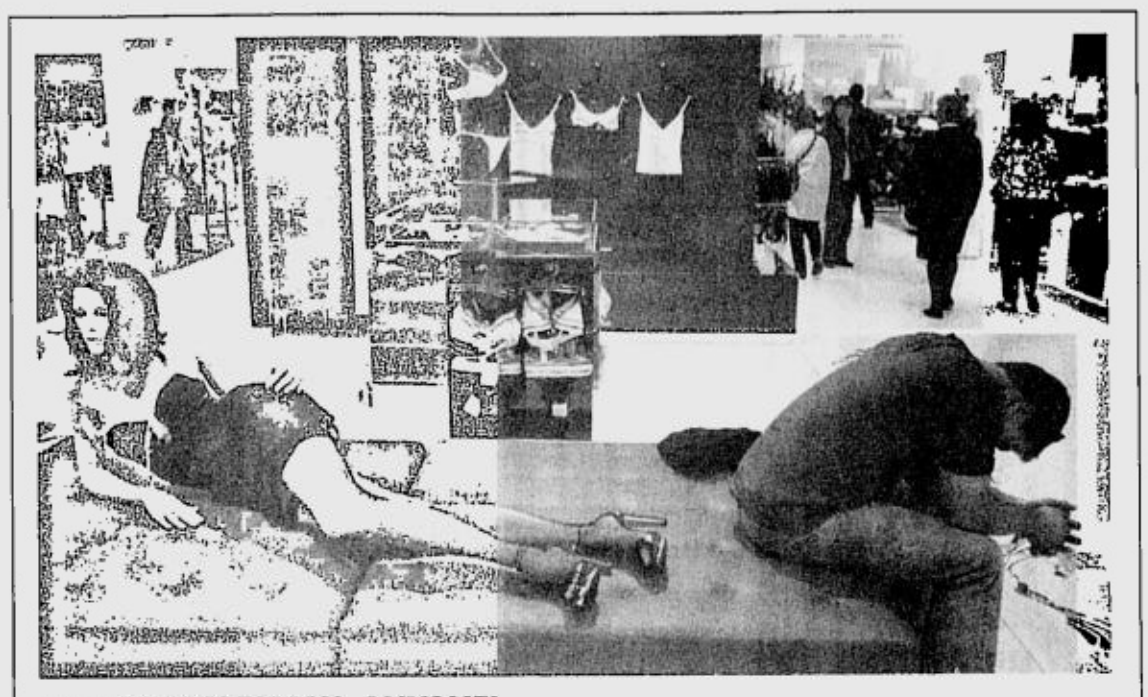
The embassy official refused to provide further information on the nature of the threat.

Up to 35,000 US citizens live in the oil rich kingdom, according to official estimates.

Britain decided to keep its embassy open, a spokesperson said.

Both embassies issue periodic terror warnings but the last time both the US and British embassies closed was following the May 12 triple suicide bombings of residential compounds in Riyadh that left 35 people dead.

The closure came after the US embassy renewed on Oct. 27 its existing travel warning for the kingdom, advising US nationals to defer non-essential travel there in light of potential terrorist attacks. *AFP*



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Annan urges Security Council overhaul

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador—United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan arrived here from Chile late Friday after telling a conference that the UN Security Council needed overhaul without delay.

On his first visit to Ecuador, the UN chief was received with full military honors and greeted by the foreign ministry's protocol team.

Annan, traveling with his wife, made no statement on his arrival.

Before leaving Santiago, he told a conference on UN reform that "reform of the Security Council has been on the agenda for long time. But I sense a widespread feeling that we cannot keep putting this issue off."

Annan continued on his official tour of South America, which also includes stops in Peru and Bolivia.

"Now is the time to take a hard look at our inter-governmental institutions," said Annan.

The security council was shaken earlier in the year by an unsuccessful effort to build consensus on war in Iraq.

The council has five permanent members with veto power: the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China. In addition, 10 non-permanent members rotate in two-year terms, without veto power.

Many analysts argue that the current system, built in the aftermath of World War II, does not reflect the makeup of today's international community.

Annan stressed the reforms he supports are not aimed at reducing the power of the five permanent council members, but rather at increasing the council's representative character.

He said that a retooled council could give the body greater legitimacy, increasing worldwide acceptance of council decisions. *AFP*

Singaporeans seek repeal of 'archaic' oral sex law

SINGAPORE—The jailing of a police officer for having oral sex with a consenting 16-year-old girl has sparked calls for the repeal of a law punishing such act, the Straits Times reported Saturday.

Several of the 20 readers who had e-mailed the newspaper expressed shock that oral sex remained an offense under the penal code in the modern city-state.

Four sexual health experts interviewed said oral sex is now common and should be decriminalized, and 11 lawyers polled said the case for the law to be repealed is now stronger than before.

They were commenting on a two-year jail sentence imposed on police sergeant Annis Abdullah, 27, for having oral sex last year with a girl who he had known through an Internet chatroom.

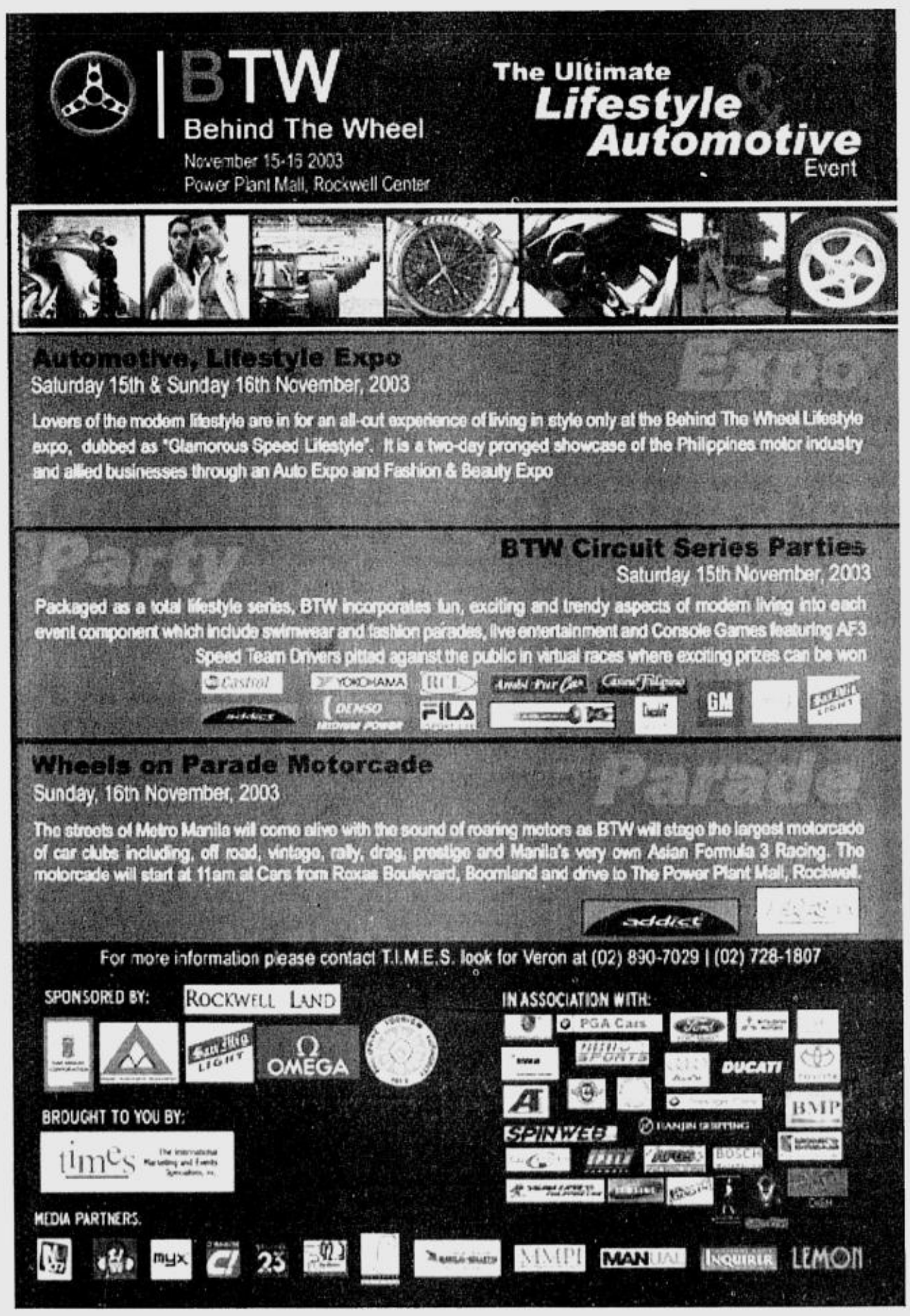
News reports said the girl performed the sexual act willingly but had lodged a police report later.

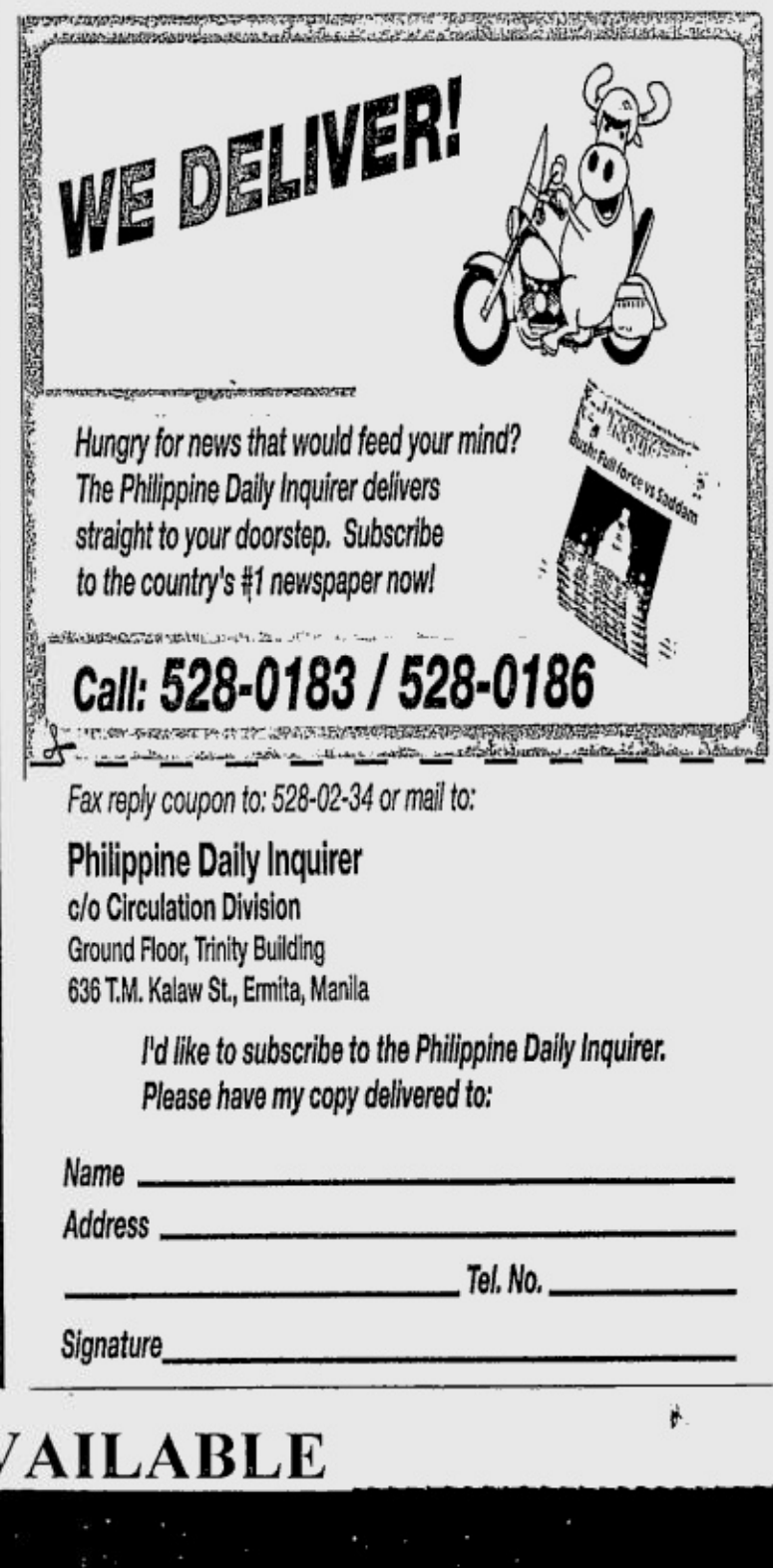
Oral sex is considered an offense under a section of the penal code which states that "whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animals" can be jailed up to 10 years or even for life and fined.

Reader Christopher Low said in a letter to the Straits Times that the law was "archaic," having been a remnant of British rule. Britain itself repealed the law in 1967, he said.

"Oral sex is part and parcel of intimacy and sex," urologist and sex therapist Li Man Kay was quoted as saying.

Clinical psychologist Yam Keng Mun added: "A lot of people see oral sex as a good substitute for intercourse. They perceive it as pretty safe, especially since the risk of pregnancy is avoided." *AFP*





Toddler pronounced dead found breathing

FULLERTON, California—A 20-month-old girl was pronounced dead at a hospital after being found face-down in a swimming pool, but a police investigator later noticed her breathing and she was revived.

The toddler's mother discovered her in the family pool Friday morning and the girl was taken to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead about an hour later, said Fullerton police Sgt. Ron Gillett.

A police investigator alone in the hospital room taking photographs of the girl's body saw some movement and noticed her breathing, Gillett said. Medical staff then fully revived the child.

The toddler was later transferred to another hospital, where she was listed Friday night in critical condition, said Susan Thomas, a hospital spokesperson. *AP*

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N. Korea has 1 or 2 nukes–CIA

WASHINGTON—North Korea appears to have built one or two nuclear weapons it could be confident would work even without a test nuclear blast, the US Central Intelligence Agency has told Congress.

"We assess that North Korea has produced one or two simple fission-type nuclear weapons and has validated the designs without conducting yield-producing nuclear tests," the CIA said in written replies to questions from the Senate select committee on intelligence.

The CIA's Aug. 18 statement was made public recently by the Federation of American Scientists on its Web site (www.fas.org/-irp/congress/2003—hr/021103qfr-cia.pdf).

Some experts said on Friday they had expected Pyongyang to carry out a test blast just as India and Pakistan did in 1998 to show the world they were members of the nuclear club, but the CIA's statement suggests this is not necessary.

"Testing would confirm (the existence of a nuclear capability) but it's not changing what they already believe," said Daniel Pinkston, a North Korea expert at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, California.

North Korea is widely reported to have been carrying out nuclear weapon-related tests, short of blasts, since the 1980s to develop what it now says is a nuclear deterrent that is ready to use. *Reuters*

Israeli troops kill boy, 3 others in Gaza Strip

GAZA—Israeli troops killed a 10-year-old Palestinian boy and three militants in the Gaza Strip on Friday, but eased a West Bank blockade to try to bolster Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurie and encourage peace moves.

Palestinians said the removal of the Ein Arik checkpoint, linking several Palestinian villages to the city of Ramallah, was the first real sign that Israel was implementing a pledge it made on Wednesday to ease a blockade around West Bank cities.

The boy, Mahmoud al-Qayed, was killed by a shell fired by an Israeli tank in the Gaza Strip near the Israeli agricultural community of Nahal Oz while hunting for birds with a net tied to a string, a witness and medics said.

An Israeli military source said soldiers shot at what they considered suspicious figures handling an electric cable in an area where explosives are often planted against troops, and that one Palestinian was hit while two others fled.

The source said soldiers later found no explosives had been placed there, but the zone is shut to Palestinian civilians.

"I fell to the ground with my foot bleeding and saw Mahmoud swimming in a pool of blood," said Nimir Abu Asaous, 22, who was wounded.

Witnesses say four other Palestinians hunting birds, a popular hobby among Gazan youth, have been killed by soldiers in the same area in recent months.

Near Gaza's Maghazi refugee camp, soldiers killed a gunman after a bomb exploded close to a patrol, causing no casualties, the Israeli military source said. The militant Islamic group Hamas said he belonged to its armed wing.

The bodies of two other Palestinians, members of the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades linked with President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, were recovered near the town of Khan Younis after soldiers shot at Palestinians suspected of planting a bomb.

Israeli forces in the West Bank city of Jenin arrested the local head of Islamic Jihad, a militant group which is sworn to the destruction of Israel, the army said.

The army said Amjad Abeidi was responsible for a number of suicide bombings in Israel, including an attack in the northern Israeli city of Haifa that killed 21 people last month. *Reuters*

Love made her do it, says spy for apartheid

JOHANNESBURG—It was a tale of betrayal and treason that stunned those who knew her, the televised confession of a white South African lawyer who represented black and white militants in apartheid days, ate and drank and joked with them... and passed everything on to the feared secret police.

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She spilled the beans this week on state television.

Brereton said her life as a spy was motivated by two things: Her infatuation with her "handler," Karl Edwards, and her burning hatred of communism.

"He (Edwards) made me feel special. He reinforced my anti-communist beliefs and I felt that I was doing something important for my country," she told the SABC's Special Assignment program in London.

Brereton confessed to the spy tag late last month, following weeks of speculation about the identity of the mysterious "Agent RS452." Ngcuka—who spent several years in apartheid jails in the mid 1980s—was accused of being a spy for the apartheid government by two senior members of the ruling African National Congress who are being investigated for corruption themselves by Ngcuka's unit.

Brereton told The Star newspaper: "I was RS452 and I have had enough of the lies and deceit."

She said it took her up to the late 1980s to finally realize that the security police she had been helping were "brutal."

"I once asked Karl about detainees being tortured. He said they never tortured detainees and that it was all a communist conspiracy," she told the state television program. *AFP*

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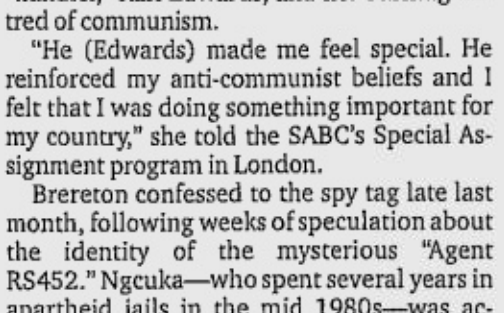

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Lynch not raped, say doctors

NASIRIYAH, Iraq—Iraqi doctors who treated former American prisoner of war Jessica Lynch dismissed on Friday claims made in her biography that she was raped by her Iraqi captors.

Although Lynch said she has no memory of the sexual assault, medical records cited in "I am a Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch Story" indicate that she was raped and sodomized by her Iraqi captors, according to US media who said they had advance copies.

The book—due to be released Tuesday—covers Lynch's experience between March 23 when her convoy was ambushed in Nasiriyah and April 1 when she was evacuated from a hospital by US commandos. It was unclear if the book cites American or Iraqi records.

A family spokesperson, Stephen Goodwin, confirmed the book alleges Lynch was raped.

Lynch suffered broken bones to her right arm, right leg and thighs and ankle and received a head injury when her Humvee utility vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade and crashed into another vehicle. Eleven soldiers were killed in the attack.

Dr. Mahdi Khafazji, an orthopedic surgeon at Nasiriyah's main hospital, performed surgery on Lynch to repair a fractured femur and said he found no signs that she was raped or sodomized.

Khafazji, speaking at his private clinic in Nasiriyah, said he examined her extensively and would have detected signs of sexual assault. He said the examination turned up no trace of semen.

Dr. Khafazji said Lynch was taken first to the Military Hospital, a few hundred meters from the ambush site at around 8 a.m., about an hour after the attack. A few hours later, she was brought to his hospital.

"She was injured at about 7 in the morning," he said. "What kind of animal would do it to a person suffering from multiple injuries?"

Dr. Jamal al-Saeidi, a brigadier general and head of the orthopedic department at the now disbanded Military Hospital, remembers seeing Jessica's motionless body on a bed in the crowded lobby of his hospital. He said a police van parked outside appeared to have brought her to the hospital.

"When she was brought there she was fighting for her life," said Dr. Al-Saeidi at his private clinic. "She was in shock because of the severity of her injury."

He said Lynch was fully clothed with her field jacket buttoned up. "Her clothes were not torn, buttons had not come off, her pants were zipped up," Al-Saeidi said.

Al-Saeidi said he found no signs of rape during an examination although he acknowledged he was not looking for signs of sexual assault.

Lynch had lost more than half of her blood because of a 10- to 15-cm-long wound on the left side of her head, as well as broken limbs that caused internal bleeding, Al-Saeidi said.

"We had a few minutes, golden minutes to save her," he said. He rushed her to the operating room, away from the crowded lobby, and gave her intravenous fluid and blood and stitched her head wound.

Another US soldier, Lori Piestewa, died half an hour after arriving at the hospital with Lynch of severe head injuries, doctors said. *AP*

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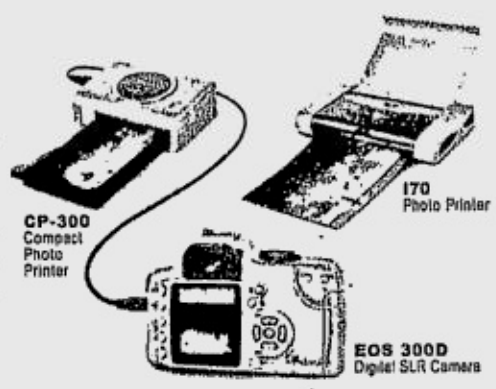

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Turkey decides not to send troops to Iraq

ANKARA—Reversing an earlier decision, Turkey said on Friday it would not deploy troops to help the United States secure post-war Iraq after encountering strong opposition from the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

Political analysts said the move would expose the problems US forces are having in restoring order in Iraq but should not harm ties between Nato allies Washington and Ankara. Turkish financial markets shrugged off the announcement.

Turkey took its decision after US Secretary of State Colin Powell rang Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul on Thursday evening.

"After reviewing the situation Foreign Minister Gul informed Secretary Powell that the Turkish government would reconsider its offer to send troops," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

Washington admitted on Friday that Turkish troops might not add to stability in Iraq, where attacks on US-led forces are a daily occurrence.

"Obviously, we would have preferred if this (had) all worked out very nicely to everybody's satisfaction but let's remember that the goal is stability in Iraq," state department spokesperson Richard Boucher told reporters.

"There is recognition, I think, on all our parts—the United States' side, Turkish as well as the Iraqis—that maybe this deployment at this time would not add to that goal in the way that we had hoped it would," he added.

Turkey's decision to dispatch soldiers to Iraq, once part of the Turkish Ottoman Empire, was strongly opposed by Iraq's Governing Council and Iraq's Kurds, who have seen Turkish troops based in their northern mountainous region since the mid-1990s. *Reuters*

Serial killer sent bizarre letter to paper

SEATTLE—Green River serial killer Gary Leon Ridgway sent a bizarre anonymous letter to a Seattle newspaper nearly 20 years ago in what the newspaper said Friday was a "brazen attempt to throw off investigators."

Authorities at the time wrongly concluded it wasn't from the real killer, the Seattle Post-Intelligence said.

Now, police say Ridgway admitted writing the letter when he began confessing this summer to killing 48 women.

The paper said it had turned the letter over to investigators in 1984 and never reported on it, in part because of doubts about its authenticity.

"He brought up the letter during interviews," Sheriff David G. Reichert told the newspaper. "He took credit for writing it and sending it. He went through and explained what each comment meant."

Ridgway, a 54-year-old commercial truck painter, pleaded guilty Wednesday to 48 counts of aggravated first-degree murder in a deal that spares him from execution. Most of the killings were between 1982 and 1984. Ridgway's pleas gave him more convictions than any serial killer in US history.

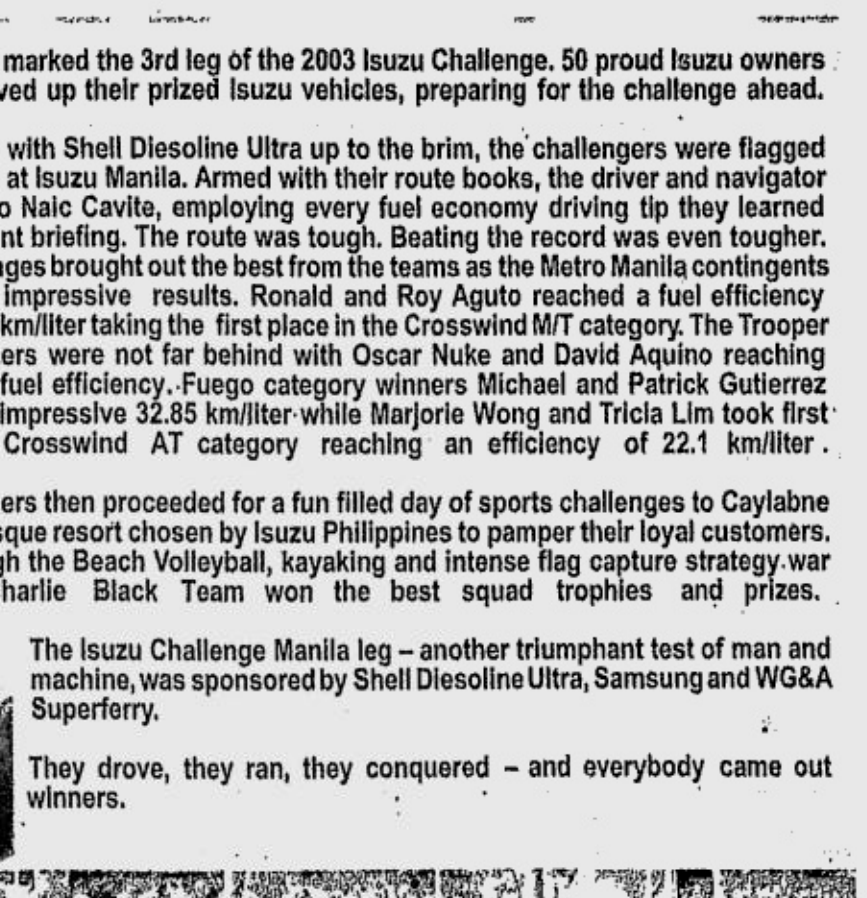
The letter, which was sent to the paper in early 1984, was poorly typed and almost entirely without spaces between words.

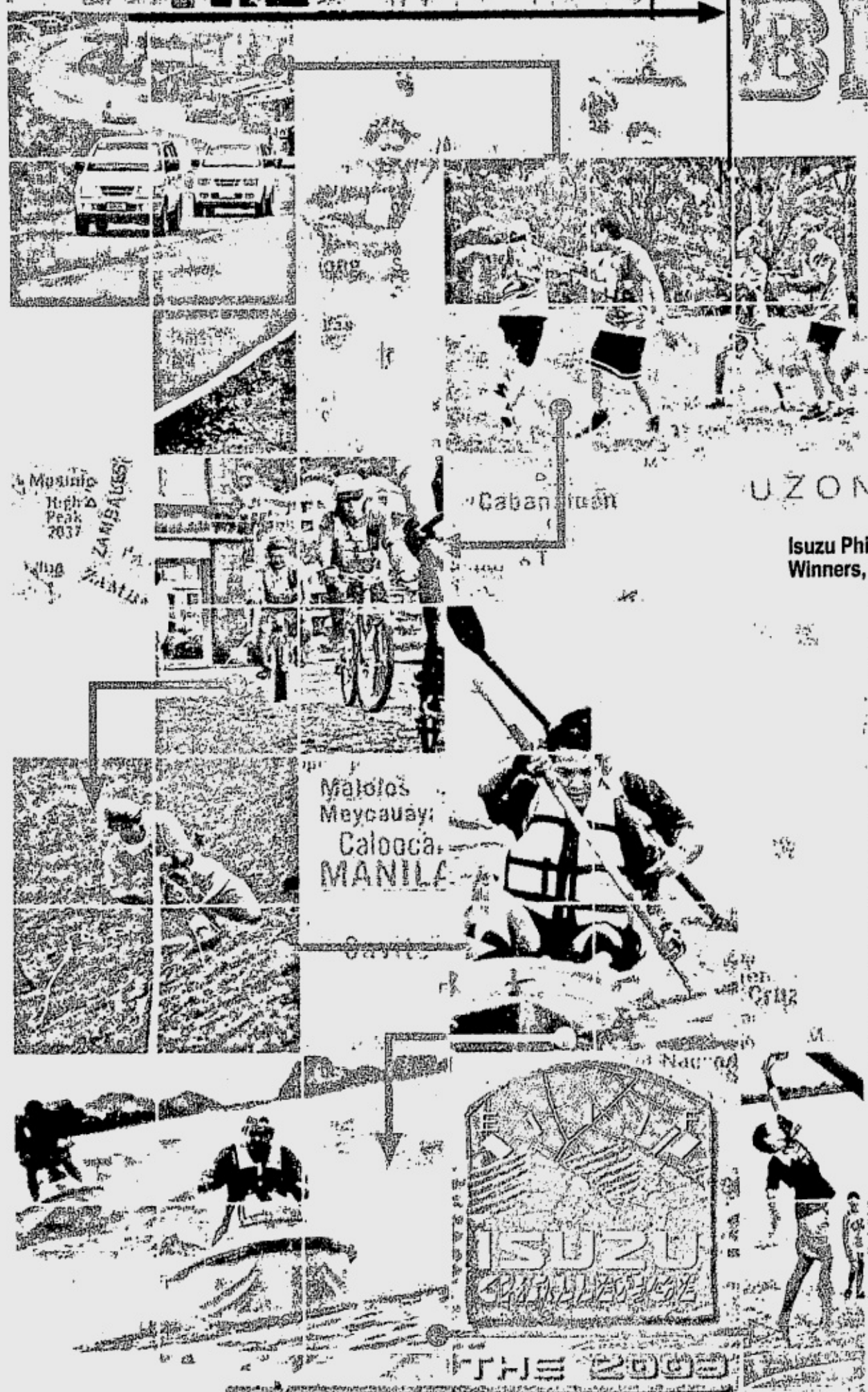
It began: "whatyou eedtonoaboutthegreenriverman" and "dontthrowaway." Typed at the bottom was "callmefred."

Authorities at the time discounted it, saying the letter was probably crafted by someone involved in the investigation seeking undue attention.

The letter mentions real evidence, such as necrophilia and fingernails cut off some victims. There also are some red herrings, such as saying the killer smokes and chews gum. Ridgway did neither, but planted cigarette butts and gum where he buried his victims.

The letter landed on reporter Mike Barber's desk in February 1984, two months after the King County sheriff's office formed the Green River Task Force. *AP*





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Not more

ALMOST as a rule, media coverage of the eight *amici curiae* invited by the Supreme Court to shed light on the Davide impeachment case tended to be of the scoresheet variety. Many news stories in both print and broadcast media kept score of the oral arguments as though the Supreme Court hearings were a basketball game: which side scores more points, wins.

EDITORIALS

The score-keeping mind-set explains why the initial radio and TV reporting on the oral argument presented by former Senate President Jovito Salonga failed to do justice to his nuanced position: that the high court had jurisdiction over the case, but that it should not exercise it. He was immediately classified as either for impeachment or against it.

But a legal issue is not decided on which side has more arguments, or more supporters. This distinction, in fact, is what distinguishes the judiciary from the two political branches of government. Our system of government allows one branch to make its decisions while insulated from popular passions, political pressure—or even public opinion coursed through the media. In this system, that one branch reaches its conclusions based only on facts and the law.

The genius of this system is that fundamental questions of constitutionality are answered, not according to party line or election plans, not according to the political agenda of either the administration or the opposition, but according to what lawyers like to call the merits of the case.

The mere fact that some of the country's best legal minds—the eight friends of the court consisted of legal experts, members of the 1986 Constitutional Commission, law deans, retired Supreme Court justices, practicing lawyers and law professors—could not agree on a single position on the issue at hand is not a sign of confusion. It is a sign that the law may be a demanding mistress, but it is not an exact science. It is also proof that, if the Supreme Court did not exist, it would be necessary to invent it.

Top lawyers may argue about the constitutionality of an issue, but at a certain point somebody must step in and decide. According to the Constitution, that somebody is not the Senate or the House; it is the Supreme Court.

Not higher

THE INTERVENTION of opposition leader Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. in the impeachment case was welcomed by the Supreme Court, with one justice citing him for his calming effect on political discourse. But his argument that the impeachment crisis is purely a political question, and hence outside the high court's jurisdiction, is untenable.

The scope of the "political questions" doctrine was effectively narrowed by the 1987 Constitution's "grave abuse of discretion" clause. This innovation was introduced precisely because of the experience of martial law victims like Pimentel, who suffered when the courts failed to intervene in certain cases because of a cowardly recourse to the same doctrine.

Pimentel's idea, repeated in oral arguments last Friday, that the Senate, once constituted as an impeachment court, is "higher" than the Supreme Court, is also a mistake. It reveals that Pimentel sought to intervene mainly to defend the institutional integrity of the Senate. How can one-half of one coordinate branch be higher than an entire branch of government?

The argument that provisions in the Constitution vest impeachment powers in Congress is one thing; the proposition that these provisions mean that the Senate, sitting as an impeachment court, was "higher" than the Supreme Court is entirely another.

Does this mean that bicameral conference committees are "higher" than either house of Congress, when they meet according to constitutional provisions?

Impeachment is a judicial power vested in the legislature; when the Senate convenes as an impeachment court, it can dismiss the Articles of Impeachment submitted by the House, citing constitutional grounds. But this does not mean that the Senate is "higher" than the Supreme Court. To say so is to indulge in institutional hubris.

Tower of Babel

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THERE are so many things going against the impeachment petitions now pending before the Supreme Court that one cannot reasonably expect a fair and dispassionate judgment.

The most obvious is that they directly affect Hilario G. Davide Jr., the respondent in the impeachment proceedings, who is also the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

While it is true that he has properly inhibited himself from the cases, it cannot be denied that his influence over the Supreme Court still hangs over its members like a presence that cannot be ignored.

He may earnestly avoid exerting such influence like the honest man that he is, but it will still be there despite his efforts. There is a bond that unites the members of the Court beyond mere friendship in an unspoken loyalty to their Chief, warts and all.

The problem is aggravated by Davide's open combativeness in defending himself against the attacks of the impeachers. Given their Chief's belligerence and arguments, including invocation of judicial independence, the associate justices will find it difficult not to sustain him.

Notably, there are many neophyte members on the Court who are still learning the ropes from the Chief Justice as their chief mentor. They are likely to support him if only for this reason. They may also tend to repay their debt of gratitude to President Macapagal-Arroyo, who appointed them and has voiced sympathetic prayers for Davide.

The senior justices, while not as impressionable, will also incline in favor of Davide if only because they have stayed together longer on the Court. They were also co-respondents in the first impeachment case that was dismissed some months ago and strengthened their camaraderie.

The Court may have complicated the issues by designating so many *amici curiae* who are supposed to be constitutionalists. These so-called "experts" may be the many cooks that will spoil the broth.

Each one of them may have his own educated viewpoint, or will simply echo each other's opinion, to only confuse the justices who may want to hear these "friends of the court" because of their own ignorance.

Notably, three of the consultants are former members of the Constitutional Commission like Davide—Florenz Regalado, Joaquin Bernas and Regalado Maambong—whose interpretation of their imperfect handiwork is often taken as gospel truth by the Supreme Court. Jovito Salonga has already ruled in favor of Davide, and so probably will Raul Pangalangan.

Oppositors are Hugo E. Gutierrez, Estelito Mendoza and Pacifico Agabin. In addition, there are the other petitioners and intervenors, including Sen. Aquilino Pimentel and Romulo Macalintal, who are questioning the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Also expected were the interpellations to be made by some egocentric justices with the usual verbal strutting aimed at television and the newspaper headlines.

Given the time allotments for each expert (15 minutes, with requested extensions), the hearings will continue for days until they become boring. While guiding the justices to a certain extent, the speeches of the *amici curiae*, let alone the parties themselves, will probably shed more heat than light and confuse rather than clarify.

I hope the Court will not allow or require the filing of memoranda that will only delay the proceedings but also flatter the experts into thinking that they are writing for posterity. Instead of enriching jurisprudence, they may only be cluttering the *rollo* with legal gobbledygook.

In my humble view, the Supreme Court could have avoided all this hullabaloo if it had dismissed the petitions outright instead of issuing that status quo order. I believe it had no right to interfere at this point and rule on the validity of the impeachment moves in Congress.

Art. XI, Sec. 3(6) of the Constitution provides in no uncertain terms that "the Senate shall have the sole power to try and decide all cases of impeachment." This includes the initial determination of whether or not the complaint for impeachment is barred by the one-year limitation in Par. 5 of the same section.

If at all, the parties aggrieved by its decision may then seek relief from the Supreme Court in the exercise of its appellate, not original, jurisdiction. The "sole power" vested in the Senate means "exclusive power." Nevertheless, the Supreme Court has on several occasions reviewed the acts of the Electoral Tribunals, which are made the "sole judge" of election cases affecting the members of Congress.

Judicial review of even political questions is now expressly justified under Art. VIII, Sec. 1 with the enlargement of judicial power even over cases involving the grave abuse of discretion by any agency of the government amounting to lack or loss of jurisdiction.

I think the high tribunal panicked and allowed itself to be shanghaied into the political imbroglio instead of calmly awaiting the turn of events to permit its exercise of its review powers at the proper time. That time is not now but when the acts of the Senate, as the High Court of Impeachment, are questioned before the Supreme Court.

The marketplace

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

SOMEBODY once commented that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, but for some, their bodies have become basilicas!

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Today is the Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. In today's Gospel (John 2, 13-22) Jesus cleansed the temple of vendors and money changers and in anger exclaimed, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." We all need cleansing, not only in our bodies, but also in our character, in our families, in our relationships and especially so, in our country these days, even in the Church.

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What's this "marketplace" that Jesus was so angry about? It's simply money, and all the things that money can do to a person. Money can contaminate and ruin a person's life, values and relationships. When we become involved in the marketplace, we also sooner or later get involved in greed, deceit and manipulation. Have you turned your life into a marketplace? Have you allowed the marketplace into your very home? When money comes into the picture, the purest and cleanest thoughts, convictions and even values can become obscured... When money talks, people begin to lose their sense of sight, hearing, speaking and even their sense of feeling.

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"Marketplace" is not so much a place, but an attitude, a way of thinking, where everything has a price and anything can be sold or bought. You know you have the marketplace in your heart when you see everything and everyone from the point of gain and profit. In the marketplace, it is difficult to find friendship, values, self-sacrifice and yes, even God.

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The other Gospel for this Sunday (Mk. 12, 41-44) is about the widow's mite, Jesus points out the value of true and sincere giving over hypocrisy and pseudo-goodness. In everything, God sees the heart! Without the heart, everything is a show, a performance, an act! Look at the things you are doing in life. Where is your heart?

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As we go about our lives, we encounter different levels of good. The first is the level of LOOKING GOOD. This is the level which we are busy with most of the time. What others say is what matters on this level. The second level is FEELING GOOD. This is the level where what we say or feel about ourselves is the center of our attention. The third level is that of DOING GOOD. There is a value outside that makes us do good things. Then there is the level of simply BEING GOOD. This is the level where goodness emanates from a heart that wants to please God. The problem with many of us is that we put priority over looking good and feeling good, over doing good and being good. Just be good and everything else will follow.

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Abraham Lincoln has a beautiful reminder for all of us, who live in a world so full of hypocrisy and sincerity: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true; I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have; I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong." Hello politicians, government leaders, church leaders, are we listening?

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Too often, we think of hypocrisy as the deceit of bad people pretending to be good. However, the opposite could also be the same, that of good people pretending to be bad. That's true. I know a lot of people who are really good but keep pretending and acting as if they are bad. I don't know why they do so. Is it because they think that being good is a sign of weakness? There is no greater strength than goodness and gentleness of heart.

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We would like to thank Ms Charo Santos and "Maalaala Mo Kaya" for having featured on Channel 2 the story of the 10-year-old-girl Fatima who undergoes dialysis five times a day! I am glad that the whole nation and even a great number of people abroad have heard her beautiful story of courage and hope. Thank you to all the good Samaritans who literally gave their "widow's mite" for this frail but brave child. Some have even called in to donate their kidney. What a beautiful simple outpouring of love! For those who'd like to help Fatima, you may call us at 721-74-57. Don't be afraid to be good and to be generous.

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Our task as Christians is to find and keep finding God in the marketplace. We have to keep on pointing to Him, even in the marketplace. It is easy to find God and feel God in a convent or a monastery. But the greater challenge is to be aware, to welcome and to make present our God in the marketplace.

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At the end of the day when everything is quiet, we will be left alone with ourselves, minus our titles, positions and possessions, minus our masks and put-ons; may we encounter God who loves us without conditions. And, at the end of our lives, may we be embraced by God who will whisper to us, "My child, you did not need those masks and luggage when you were still alive. All that you needed was already in you, deep inside."

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A Moment With The Lord

Lord, help me to remove the marketplace in my heart and make it your dwelling place. Amen.

The fallacy of the so-called 'win-win' solution

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

FLASHBACK: Almost 10 years ago, then Air Transportation Office (ATO) chief Panfilo Villaruel ordered the closure of the Bacolod Airport and the demolition of the top floor of the Sugarland Hotel located near the runway which he alleged, was a danger to air traffic movement. As a result, travelers had to go through Iloilo City Airport to reach Bacolod, causing huge losses to businessmen. His actions at the Naia flight control tower the other night appears to be a tragic echo of previous controversial positions.

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We are probably the only nation in the world whose leaders, when faced with a crisis or a difficult situation, talk about a so-called "win-win" solution.

Presumably, this means a solution which will be acceptable to all parties involved in a dispute. We are unable to face up to the fact that in any controversy, there will be a winner and a loser. Going for a "win-win" situation merely puts off for another day the difficult work that has to be carried out if we wish to put in place a lasting and permanent arrangement.

Last week, during the anniversary of the Philippine Postal Corp., President Macapagal-Arroyo talked of a "win-win" solution over the impeachment issue facing Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr, Although she did not elaborate, she called for a "principled solution" to the impasse.

Somehow, I connect this "win-win" mentality more with Speaker Jose de Venecia. Perhaps this is one reason he has been able to hold together, at least until now, the "rainbow coalition" he assembled in the House of Representatives. He has been all things to all men, and maybe more. But this time, he appears to have lost the golden touch which has kept him in his post for the last couple of years. He recently created a seven-man committee to work at getting Lakas members to withdraw their signatures from the impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice. We all know that when a manager throws a problem to a committee, you can be sure it will discuss the problem to death and nothing substantial will come out of the group.

The reason you have floor leaders in the House is to keep the party members in line when it comes to voting on key issues. But obviously, this did not happen on the impeachment complaint.

Which brings us to the suspicion that perhaps, like the President, Speaker Joe De V has a different agenda in mind which does not include Chief Justice Davide in the big picture. In today's environment, our politicians will sacrifice anybody in order to advance their own interests. In today's politics, the so-called "win-win" solution can actually be a weapon to weaken an adversary in the guise of helping him out.

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Did you notice that in the last few weeks, there has been no more talk of an Eduardo Cojuangco candidacy? Even his followers in the House appear to have suddenly lost their voices insofar as his presidential bid is concerned. Whereas earlier, there was a lot of pushing and shoving to get him into the ring, even to the extent of breaking up the coalition with Lakas, today all seems quiet on the western front with attention focused on weakening Davide. On the other hand, the opposition appears intent on forcing an obviously reluctant Fernando Poe Jr. to announce his candidacy soon. Perhaps a civilian-military junta may not be too bad after all.

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This is a story which you may have heard of before, but this is as good an occasion to retell it:

Once upon a time in the kingdom of heaven, God was missing for six days. Michael the Archangel found Him on the seventh day, resting. He inquired of God, "Where have You been?" God with a deep sigh of satisfaction and pride pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look, Michael, look what I have made."

The Archangel looked puzzled and said, "What is it?" "It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put life in it. I'm going to call it Earth, and it's going to be a great place of balance."

"Balance?" inquired Michael, still confused.

God explained, pointing to different parts of the Earth. "Northern Europe will be a great place of opportunity and wealth, but cold and harsh. Southern Europe is going to be poor but sunny and pleasant. I've made lands abundant in water and while others are parched deserts. This one will be extremely hot, while this one will be very cold and covered with ice."

Michael, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a group of islands and asked, "What are these?"

"Ah," said God, "Those are the Philippine islands, the most glorious place on Earth. There are beautiful beaches, rivers, mountains and forests. The people are going to be handsome, intelligent and humorous. They are going to be found travelling all over the world. They will be extremely sociable, hardworking and high-achieving, and they will be known throughout the world as bearers of peace and love."

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, "What about balance, Lord? You said there would be balance."

And the Lord replied, "Wait until you see the idiots I put in the government."

TB stories

AT LARGE

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NEWARK—Jacqueline McCloud has made a career out of fighting the spread of tuberculosis. Starting out as a nurse-epidemiologist in Harlem, she has devoted much of her professional life to efforts to control the spread of TB in the United States, culminating in her stint as president of the American Lung Association.

But her professional commitment is really an offshoot of a deeply personal encounter with TB, making her uniquely qualified to speak on "The Face of Tuberculosis" at the Capacity Building Training Course on "Policy, Advocacy and Communications for TB Elimination" sponsored by the US National Coalition for the Elimination of Tuberculosis.

When she was 8, said McCloud, her mother died of tuberculosis at the age of 28. But long before it took her mother, the disease had already effectively snatched her mother from her, consigning her mother to a sanatorium in South Carolina where she wasted away for more than a year. "I remember visiting my mother just twice at the sanatorium," McCloud recalls. "The first time, my sister and I stood outside the building while she stood at a window and waved at us. The second time, she could only look out at us because by then she was so weak she could no longer leave her bed."

TB deprived Jacqueline and her sister of not just the physical presence of their mother, but also of the simplest reminders of her presence in their lives. Every time a letter from her mother arrived, she remembers, her grandmother would quickly read it out loud then promptly burn it. When her mother sent them pouch bags made in occupational therapy, "my grandmother took out the cardboard backing and burned it, then washed the bags."

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IT wasn't just the lack of any mementoes or "anything that we could say had come from my mother" that haunted her childhood, McCloud shares. "TB was a disease you were ashamed of," she says, remembering her grandmother reminding her and her sister never to tell anyone that their mother had contracted TB and had died of it. In a way, by denying the specter of TB in her life, Jacqueline was also being asked to deny any memory of her mother. And it's this lack of any "mother-daughter" memories that created a vacuum that she feels to this day.

I am sure that if I took the time to ask Filipinos if they had any "TB stories" to share, we'd end up with a bumper crop. I was sharing with another Filipino in our small "delegation," Dr. Rey Olazo of the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians and of Our Lady of Fatima University Medical Center, reflections on the role of TB in Filipino culture. Growing up, I said, I was continually warned by my mother that "Filipinos have weak lungs." Thus, we were constantly watched for any sign of respiratory distress. Dr. Olazo and I swapped tales of "health practices" employed by our parents which persist to this day: admonitions never to walk out after dark with one's head uncovered for fear of "*hamog*," warnings never to take a bath after sunset because it would "chill" us, vigilance against working up a sweat and having it "dry" on our bodies, prevented by the strategic placement of a towel or diaper on a child's back.

"They made little sense, healthwise," observed Dr. Olazo, "but it was our parents' way of coping with their fears."

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PERHAPS that's why there's need these days to remind people about the continued need for vigilance against TB and support for efforts to control its contagion.

In the United States and even in the Philippines, where TB is seemingly endemic and still kills 75 people a day, TB is seen as "a disease of the past," no longer a problem, no longer needing funding or intervention.

"We clearly understand TB," says Dr. Lee Reichman of the New Jersey Medical School National Tuberculosis Center. "We know what causes it, we know how to cure it. But we can't seem to eliminate it. Why? Because nobody seems to care, a situation that would not be tolerated in any other disease."

Dr. Ken Castro, director of the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination of the Centers for Disease Control, echoes Reichman's concerns. "Where's the outrage?" he asked. "Have we become numb to the daily toll on lives and the suffering (of so many) caused by a preventable and curable disease?"

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THE AMERICAN experience, points out Reichman, is a graphic example of how neglect and indifference translates into a resurgence of TB.

Since 1953, with the widespread use of anti-TB drugs, TB rates in the United States steadily dropped by one or two percentage points a year. This led to complacency on the part of health authorities, as federal and state funding for dedicated anti-TB programs gradually sloughed off, with virtually no funds made available through most of the 1970s. Then in 1984, public health authorities began tracking an alarming increase in TB cases. Castro has tracked some 52,000 TB cases that, he said, should not have occurred if the decline in TB had continued.

Thanks to the efforts of dedicated TB advocates such as Reichman whose book "Time Bomb" called public attention to the resurgence of TB in the United States, and to vigorous lobbying efforts of the American Lung Association, health authorities responded with alacrity. "There was an unprecedented appropriation of attention and resources, and the traditional public health infrastructure was re-established," says Reichman. The display of "political will" worked, so that by 1992, the number of new TB cases in the United States dropped significantly.

"It's clear," says Reichman, "funding cures TB." But his fear—one shared by others working in the field of TB control and elimination—is that with the number of cases dropping, funds might soon be dropping off as well. Is the United States doomed to riding the "roller coaster" of TB?

Reconciliations

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

EARLY in her presidency, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo called the Philippines "a deeply divided society." It was a forceful statement, and I agreed with it. But I am not sure how the President precisely meant it, and what policy direction, if any, it was intended to signify.

She could have been referring to the major fault lines that have historically troubled our nation, namely, the communist and Moro insurgencies. But the peace negotiations with the communists and the Muslim insurgents hardly moved under her administration. She was more inclined to pursue a military solution in both cases. The recent revival of peace talks on both fronts appears to be an afterthought, an initiative being pursued largely for image purposes rather than to bring these conflicts to a meaningful and just closure.

Of late, Ms Macapagal has styled herself as a President of reconciliation, taking her cue from the incoming head of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, Archbishop Fernando Capalla, who challenged her to reach out to all sectors of society in the spirit of unity. Archbishop Capalla had in mind a moral leader who would stand above short-term partisan interests to begin the healing of the nation.

But it is a role that is easily hijacked by political needs and instincts during an election season.

It is time to reconcile with Joseph Estrada, the deposed president who still commands a big chunk of the so-called "*masa*" vote. Thus, the President now refers to herself as the "President of Edsa II and Edsa III," an assertion that many participants of both events will dispute by the way. Her recent statements about Erap have been conciliatory, leaving little doubt that the government will not oppose his request to travel to the United States for surgery, and, to go home later under house arrest instead of detained in a military camp.

It is also time to reconcile with the Marcoses and their cronies, notably Danding Cojuangco, portions of whose wealth are still under sequestration or held in escrow pending resolution of various long-standing cases. Ms Macapagal is now given to using buzz words like "win-win solution" and "principled agreement," in accordance with this newly professed role of mediator and unifier of a divided nation. One wonders what the contours of a "win-win" solution on the contested coco levy funds might be like.

GMA's image-makers can think of all the synonyms for unifier or peacemaker to improve her stature as a politician, but none of these will easily persuade a public that has seen too many political compromises being proposed in the name of national unity. To succeed, Archbishop Capalla's healing president needs to have a large vision and a singleness of purpose articulated by a consistent high-mindedness. Though highly-educated, Ms Macapagal possesses neither. She bears all the disabilities of the immature political culture in which she was bred.

Were she more conscious of the disparities in wealth and opportunity that make our nation deeply divided, she would have spent more time building social trust and repairing a damaged economy than campaigning for another term. Rather than push the country back to the status of a mendicant economy, perennially looking to the United States for salvation, she would have instilled in our people the virtues of self-reliance, perseverance and hard work as preconditions of a meaningful sovereignty.

If any reconciling needs to be done along the lines suggested by the archbishop, I argue it has to be between the vast masses of our people who have lived without hope and their leaders who have consistently failed them. It has to be between those who have plundered the nation and the indigenous minorities they have consigned to penury. If enduring reconciliation is based on repentance and forgiveness, then our politicians owe our youth a huge apology for having mortgaged their future with impunity.

The problem with conventional political reconciliations is that they are nothing more than mutual accommodations among rival factions of the elite. The dialogue that produces them, if any, excludes those who are routinely wounded in these intra-elite wars. As foot soldiers and pawns, they are not allowed to speak of the injuries and pains they have borne. They are in no real position to forgive until they themselves begin to understand the structural origins of their own suffering.

This is not to deny the power of genuine reconciliation. The experience of countries like post-apartheid South Africa has shown how the dynamics of truth-telling, repentance and forgiveness can close the emotional wounds that litigation and mediation do not address. Where the state itself had been the principal instrument of terror and oppression, truth commissions have worked better than regular courts in rebuilding relationships and restoring trust.

As a nation, we typically think of the law as standing above society, whose origins are other than the daily struggles of human beings to live in peace with one another. Thus, we find ourselves constantly at the mercy of conflicting interpretations by experts who we believe to have a privileged access to its true meanings. Our concept of law is not supported by a strong commitment to democracy. And the reason for that is the persistence of rigid inequalities that exclude the majority of our people from meaningful participation in the national life. There is no genuine reconciliation without dialogue, and there can be no real dialogue without democracy.

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Waiting for word from the court

COMMENTARY

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CONGRESS will resume its session tomorrow with bated expectations from the public. If the congressmen who signed the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. are to be believed, they will force the immediate submission of the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate.

On the Senate's part, Senate President Franklin Drilon has served notice that he will not accept the Articles if the Supreme Court rules that the second impeachment complaint is unconstitutional. That rejection could spell the end of the impeachment proceedings.

That leaves the tribunal as the wild card in the equation. Its action on the petitions questioning the constitutionality of the complaint would have a strong impact on whatever action the two chambers of Congress may take on the matter. Had the principal figure in the controversy not been its leader, the task of resolving the issues would have been a lot easier for the justices. Unfortunately, like fate, someone higher controls the events in our lives.

There are strong indications that Drilon's wish that the tribunal decide on the validity of the second complaint by tomorrow may come to fruition. At the end of the two-day oral arguments last Thursday before the tribunal, the presiding justice, Justice Josue Bellosillo (who is set to retire on Nov. 13) did not instruct the eight *amici curiae* (friends of the court) and petitioners to submit their memoranda on the arguments they raised in support of their respective positions.

This silence is a departure from the tribunal's usual practice of requiring the parties who orally argue their cases to put into writing whatever statements they made in the course of discussion to enable the justices to evaluate them more carefully in the privacy of their offices.

Complex issues

The issues of the case are novel and complex. By doing the unprecedented act of inviting eight legal experts to assist them in the decision-making process, the tribunal has admitted that this is not a run-of-the-mill case.

Its ruling will have serious legal and political implications to the country. It will shape the balance of power between the legislative and judicial branches of government. It will define the extent to which Congress can look into the financial affairs of the judiciary without impairing the latter's constitutionally-guaranteed right to be the master of its own purse.

As correctly pointed out by one of the *amici curiae*, the tribunal has to perform a delicate balancing act. It has to assert its supremacy as the final arbiter of legal questions in the country without treading on the powers that the Constitution has given to the legislature.

If the justices decide to rule on the case in time for the resumption of the session of Congress tomorrow, they have to rely on their own notes and doctrinal beliefs for guidance in deciding whether the impeachment complaint should be stopped on its tracks or allowed to take its course.

The respective research staff of the justices have to work overtime to review past court rulings that apply to the case. They have to consult American law and jurisprudence to find out how the United States, from where the impeachment provisions of our Constitution were copied, handles the impeachment process.

Unless the justices decide to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction, meaning, it is not within its authority to review the political acts of Congress, "fence sitting" (or the justices simply stating that they concur or disagree with the majority ruling) is most likely not to happen. As in the tribunal's 2001 decision on the legitimacy of the assumption to power of President Macapagal-Arroyo, expect separate concurring or dissenting opinions from the justices.

Options

Landmark cases have a way of inducing the flow of the intellectual juices of the justices and inspire them into putting their thoughts in writing so future generations can ponder on them.

Whatever decision the tribunal may promulgate, it is important that it is NOT tentative or half-baked. It should be clear and unequivocal. Otherwise, it will only add to the uncertainty that the filing of the complaint has caused the country.

Aside from dismissing the case for lack of jurisdiction, the tribunal may rule that the second impeachment complaint is barred by the Constitution or does not comply with the requirements for proper filing. It may also take the position that it can only enter into the picture after the complaint has been endorsed to the Senate and the latter refuses to dismiss it on the ground that it is unconstitutional.

Or the justices may rule that the complaint is of doubtful constitutionality, but out of *delicadeza*, considering that it involves no less than their chief, adopt a hands-off policy and let the Senate decide whether or not he is guilty of the offenses being imputed to him by some congressmen.

The tribunal's final ruling is immaterial. What matters is it is a decision of the institution to which the Constitution has reposed the exclusive power and responsibility to have the last word on legal disputes in the country. Right or wrong, although hopefully it should always be right, its final judgment is meant to put an end to legal controversies.

Authority

In terms of finances and resources, the judiciary is the weakest among the three branches of government. It relies on the moral authority given to it by the Constitution to ensure respect and obedience by the executive and legislative departments of its decisions.

Some congressmen and senators can rave and rant till hell freezes if they do not agree with the judgment that may be rendered by the tribunal on the impeachment complaint. That's a right they're entitled to like all other citizens. Assuming they can stand the discomfort and inconvenience, they can even take to the streets to give vent to their frustrations.

But at the end of the day, Congress has no choice but comply with the order of the tribunal. If push comes to shove, Malacañang has no choice but fulfill its constitutional duty to enforce compliance with the judgment of the tribunal, even to the extent of calling on the military for that purpose.

Hopefully, it will not go to that extreme. If it does, the House of Representatives has nobody to blame but itself.

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Discipline

"What we saw in Bangkok affirms our belief that the solution to street and sidewalk vending is not to drive away vendors but to organize and discipline them."

—Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, after his recent trip to Thailand

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TALK *of the* TOWN

Who gains, loses in impeachment?

A BOYCOTT of San Miguel Corp. has been launched by supporters of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. whom a third of the members of the House of Representatives, mostly belonging to the Nationalist People's Coalition, have impeached for allegedly misusing the multibillion-peso Judiciary Development Fund.

Supporters of Davide are boycotting San Miguel Corp. because its chair and chief executive is Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr., founder of the NPC. They are not buying the line that Cojuangco has no hand in the impeachment move largely because the NPC founder's stake in San Miguel was reportedly acquired with coconut levy funds.

Cojuangco has a lot to gain from the impeachment of the Chief Justice because the Davide-led tribunal had ruled that coconut levy funds were imbued with public interest. The ruling could cause the businessman to lose his economic power and the political influence that goes with it. But by impeaching Davide, supporters of the businessmen may be sending strong signals to other justices of what they're capable.

Forces loyal to deposed President Joseph Estrada may also gain from the impeachment of Davide, who presided over the impeachment trial of Estrada that led to his ouster. Already, Estrada supporters, along with a group linked to a putschist, are providing the warm bodies for rallies supporting the impeachment.

If the standoff between Congress and the Supreme Court over the impeachment of Davide leads to political instability and its attendant economic problems, Juan de la Cruz may be the big loser.

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The political economy of impeachment: A quick and dirty analysis

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Most of the press and e-mail commentaries on the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., deal with the legal technicalities, constitutional basis, and substance of the charges.

What has not received much space is its political economy: (a) the motives, incentives, and disincentives of the *dramatis personae*, who are presumed to be acting in their economic interests, and (b) the distribution of gains and losses resulting from the still evolving drama. Here is my quick and dirty analysis of the whole sordid deal.

Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. On the one hand, this Marcos crony may be gambling for high stakes. If he loses the impeachment bid, his recent setback at the hands of the Supreme Court (which ruled that the coco levy funds had a public character) may snowball and carry him into oblivion.

On the other hand, he may have nothing to lose. Apparently, he has three criminal cases pending before the Supreme Court, and nine with the Sandiganbayan, which are likely to end up also in the Supreme Court. Had he done nothing to take Davide out, his fate in all these cases might go the way of the High Court's earlier ruling.

Yet if he wins, he sends a message loud and clear-foremost to Haydee Yorac and the Presidential Commission on Good Government, the Sandiganbayan, and business and political rivals: I have the financial and political clout to take out not only a Chief Justice, but one with Davide's stature and reputation. Look upon my works, ye mighty, and despair.

Perhaps Cojuangco's one weakness is the crown jewel of his business empire, San Miguel Corp. And he may desist from this campaign if the survival of the conglomerate is threatened by the boycott of its products. Otherwise, expect him to fight all the way, "to where it will go," to use Davide's own words.

President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. Let no one doubt, they are playing both sides of the political divide. Either one or both could have acted to block the second impeachment complaint. They had advance notice of it, in Davide's Sept. 30 letter to De Venecia (the President was furnished a copy), regarding the demands for receipts and vouchers made by Rep. Felix William "Wimpy" Fuentebella and his cohorts.

But neither lifted a finger. The President declared that statesmanship kept the executive branch from meddling in the affairs of co-equal branches of government. The Speaker claimed to be focused on stopping the first impeachment complaint, involving seven other Supreme Court justices. But the hidden disincentive: Why take a position against Danding Cojuangco and risk losing his support in the 2004 presidential election (in the case of GMA) and in the House Speakership (in the case of JdV)?

What their calculations failed to take into account, however, was the tremendous public outcry. The President has since tried to make amends by attending Mass at the Supreme Court, and by announcing that the seriousness of the crisis now allows her to intervene. The Speaker has since "worked very hard" on a "win-win solution."

But Rep. Jacinto Paras of Negros Oriental (a signatory) told ABS-CBN news on Monday following the Halloween weekend that no pressure had been applied on him by Malacañang, because the President was abiding by the separation of powers.

The Speaker, for his part, bristled over the Supreme Court's status quo order. An encroachment on legislative territory, he huffed, for the benefit of the complainants. Then, to appease the pro-Davide forces, he announced that the House would not challenge the status quo order, but will submit a manifestation to question the Court's jurisdiction over impeachment proceedings.

The President's and the Speaker's waffling may have lost them the trust and support of both sides in the Davide fight. The question for the President is, can she win in 2004 without the backing of the middle and upper classes? This may explain her forays of late into enclaves of the poor. For the Speaker, the immediate future is bleaker, with pro- and anti-Davide congressmen threatening to unseat him-if the articles of impeachment are sent to the Senate in the case of the former and if Lakas congressmen are pressured into withdrawing their signatures in the case of the latter.

The congressmen-signatories. It may not be true that their signatures cost P5 million each. Nonetheless, if they remain steadfast in Cojuangco's cause, they can surely count on his financial backing in their next election run. Moreover, if the debate on Davide remains confined to the middle and upper classes, the issue may not figure in the next election.

Hence for these signatories, the name of the game for now is anonymity, and the best strategy may be to let the storm blow over and hope the people will forget in time. There is absolutely no incentive for them to withdraw their signatures on an individual basis at this late hour, as this only calls attention to the fact that they signed the impeachment complaint in the first place. Moreover, doing so will not translate into votes from the pro-Davide forces anyway. Instead, it will cause a withdrawal of support from the pro-Erap, pro-Marcos constituency.

Thus, expect the signatories to stand pat, unless public pressure becomes unbearable. Then expect them to find face-saving measures (such as the withdrawal of the impeachment complaint if the Supreme Court concedes the House's oversight functions on the Judiciary Development Fund, which will constitute a tactical retreat but which allows them to carry on the fight for Davide's impeachment). Finally, expect them to withdraw their signatures in groups, so as not to stick out in the public mind.

The game is completely different for Cojuangco's (and Erap's) acolytes-Representatives Fuentebella, Gilberto Teodoro Jr., Gilbert Remulla, and Francis Escudero, among others. Being already branded, they have nothing to lose and everything to gain by staying in the limelight, where they can (a) crack the whip on other signatories, and (b) endlessly repeat their arguments, in application of Lenin's psy ops tenet that a lie told often enough becomes the truth. Expect the brat pack's voices to grow more strident if the public outcry gains momentum.

The court employees. Now that they have the public's attention, the courts' rank-and-file are staging mass leaves to highlight their plea for higher pay. Their situation is no different from those of other government employees who are subject to the salary standardization scheme. Their frustration level may be higher, though, because the judges recently won salary increases. In any case, their lack of sympathy for Davide weakens his case before the public. It creates the impression that the Chief Justice has been uncommunicative at best, and uncaring at worst, about the welfare of his co-workers.

The Erap forces. They see an opportunity to get back at Davide who presided over the Erap impeachment court and who, they allege, acted precipitately in swearing in Ms Macapagal. They also see more favorable prospects for Erap's plunder cases if Davide is ousted.

The country at large. As everyone knows, the Philippines is already the biggest loser whatever the outcome of the case. Foreign and local investors and entrepreneurs cannot but wonder: Would investing in the Philippines be worthwhile if the impeachment process can be so trivialized, and if the judiciary's independence can be so threatened? Reduced investments mean fewer jobs and lower growth. They may also mean a more inequitable distribution of wealth and income, as ownership of assets and businesses become more concentrated on those with political muscle.

Our democratic system is at stake

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The nation is heading toward a constitutional crisis. If the impeachment case against Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide Jr. is not resolved wisely and prudently, the country will be the loser. Democracy in the country will be dealt a staggering blow, perhaps a fatal one. We can lose our liberties. There will be no gainers, only losers. On the other hand, if the issue is resolved according to strictly constitutional processes, all our people will be the gainers, for then our government institutions could be said to have passed a crucial test.

After the Edsa II events that led to the ouster of President Joseph Estrada in January 2001, foreign analysts, including former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, commented that the occurrence showed the weakness of Philippine democratic institutions.

The reason given was that the impeachment process involving then President Estrada was not completed strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the issue was finally resolved in the streets.

Today, the supremacy of the Constitution is again being tested. The Supreme Court has issued a "status quo" order to Congress, tending to freeze in the House the resolution impeaching the Chief Justice, while the Court held hearings on petitions questioning its constitutionality.

The House, on the other hand, has informed the Court that it has no jurisdiction over the impeachment process that is a sole prerogative of Congress.

Various legal luminaries have argued before the Supreme Court the pros and cons of the issue. The people themselves are divided, confused and in suspense. However the issue is resolved, it would affect the future and stability of the nation.

At stake is the survival of our democratic system that rests on the harmonious and effective workings of the three branches of our government, namely, the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary.

All, under the Constitution, are independent, co-equal and coordinate, with separate powers, and the right and duty to check and balance each other.

Triangle

If any of these branches fail in its tasks assigned by the Constitution, the whole structure of government will collapse, just like a triangle that loses one of its legs. Therefore, in resolving the issue, none of the three branches should be impaired. They should instead emerge strengthened by the test. It is after all through crucial tests that an instrument or edifice can be assessed for its strength or weaknesses.

How do we strengthen the institutions? By making them work. Institutions can be compared to the body. The body weakens if it does not function or exercise properly. Congress functions to legislate, the Executive to faithfully enforce the laws and the Courts to judge whether or not the laws conform to the Constitution. They are also assigned the task of balancing each other, to check abuses by the other branches—the Legislature through the power of the purse or the right to tax and to spend, the Executive to veto acts passed by Congress and the Supreme Court to interpret the laws based on judicial question. It is this intricate system of checks and balances that keeps our democratic system together.

Prerogative

The House of Representatives believes that the power of impeachment is its sole prerogative, while the role of the Senate is to constitute itself as an impeachment court to try impeachment complaints. On the other hand, the Court deliberates whether it has the right to declare the impeachment complaint signed by more than one-third of the members of the House as unconstitutional. The Executive, in the person of President Macapagal-Arroyo, presents a "covenant" as a "win-solution" which in effect would delay the submission of the impeachment complaint to the Senate for trial.

This is where the situation stands. Clearly, the case requires a Solomonic decision that will call not for the division of the nation, but for its unity.

If the House agrees to the "covenant," would it strengthen the House as the tribune and voice of the people?

And what about the Senate? If it allows the Court to decide matters concerning cases of impeachment, would it not be abandoning its duty to judge impeachment cases? And should the Executive take sides in a basic difference of opinions between two other co-equal branches of government without breaching the rule of the independence and equality of the branches of government?

These are crucial questions. The way they are answered could affect the fate and future of our people. They could either strengthen the rights of the people, or destroy their unity or endanger their liberties.

PHILIPPINE OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Foundation), INC.

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

Warmest felicitations to the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc. on your 2003 Annual Convention and 57th Anniversary Celebration.

I laud your commitment towards quality medical and health services for the Filipino people. As a nation, our solid victories over the SARS problem give credence to our strong political will to combat disease, our effective health policies to protect the public, our world-class medical professionals, and our national unity. Let us strengthen our partnership for quality and affordable health care to ensure a better quality of life for our people.

As you persevere in your efforts to upgrade your competencies in your medical field, I urge you to strongly support our government's vital health programs which promote the total health of our people especially the poor and underprivileged. Let us help make quality and affordable medicines and medical services more accessible to our people.

I wish you all a successful convention and I hope it will contribute so much to the professional advancement of obstetrical and gynecological medicine practitioners in our country.

Mabuhay!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc. as they hold their 57th Anniversary Celebration and 2003 Annual Convention.

I commend your association for its meritorious accomplishments and continued dedication in enhancing the health care system through programs and activities that aim to promote the health and well-being of women and children.

May you continue to explore positive innovations by empowering your members with the essential knowledge and rendering their expertise so that your patients may avail of the best care possible.

Let us work in unity and in all loyalty in realizing our goals.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

MANUEL M. DAYRIT MD, MSc.
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PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

With best wishes, we greet on behalf of the Officers and Board of Governors of the Philippine Medical Association, the officers and members of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc., on the occasion of its 2003 Annual Convention and on the observance of its 57th Anniversary.

We feel privileged for making us a part of this grandiose celebration of your founding anniversary and convention. With great pride and pleasure we applaud you, the country's obstetricians and gynecologists, for your remarkable role in healthcare and in the building of a nation. Your theme, *"Women's Health and the Family in the Changing Times,"* is truly relevant, as it focuses on the core of the scientific sessions not only on fetal medicine but also on maternal and family care. Moreover, your passionate concern in updating knowledge and improving technologies to keep in step with the times makes the POGS truly worthy of emulation.

Congratulations. Mabuhay ang Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc.

JOSE T. SANCHEZ, MD
President

PHILIPPINE OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Another annual convention has come and we are once again celebrating the existence of our society. More and more, we are being made aware of the roles we have to play in our daily practice, and this is not only that of being obstetrician and gynecologist, but also that of being the women's friend and advocate.

Hence the theme: "Women's Health and the Family in the Changing Times." We are telling our POGS members that in order for our women to lead healthy and happy lives, we go beyond our clinics and see them in the context of their roles as family and community members.

I was witness to the organizing committee's efforts to bring about a very good and memorable convention, relevant to our theme and crossing age and social barriers. I hope the learning experiences and scientific updates will truly enhance our practice. I know that the meeting old friends during this time will deepen the bonds of friendships that started during residency and fellowship training. For our new members, this will be the start of "belonging" to our society which has for 57 years stood for excellence and commitment to service.

To all who made and will make the success of this convention possible, thank you very much and may God bless you always.

LYRA RUTH CLEMENTE-CHUA, MD, FPOGS
President

PHILIPPINE OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

It's convention time and our 57th Anniversary Celebration!

I wish to invite all of you to attend this annual undertaking not only to further your scientific knowledge but also to reconnect with friends and acquaintances and find new ones. Your Organizing Committee has lined up an array of local and foreign speakers to update you on their corresponding fields of expertise.

Interesting events have been prepared for our Welcome Reception and for our "get loose" night. In addition, we will have our first ever GALA "Black-Tie" Dinner Dance for our Fellowship Night where we expect everyone to look their best. Prior to the Scientific Sessions, the Sports Committee has prepared interesting and fun-filled adventure games, dance sports, bowling and golf tournament.

Come and join us in this energy-packed exciting, not to forget brain-stimulating week-long endeavor.

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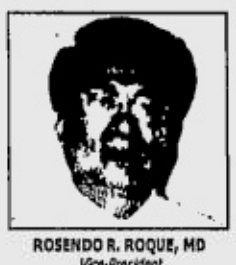

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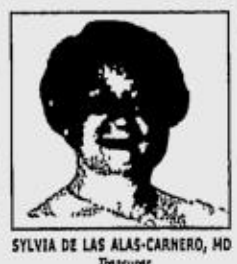

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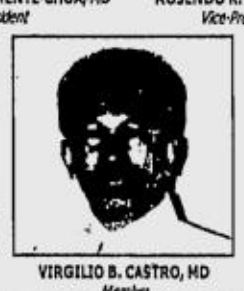

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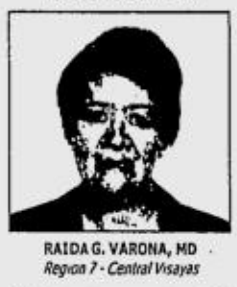

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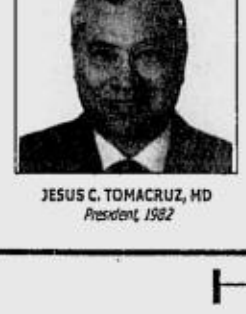

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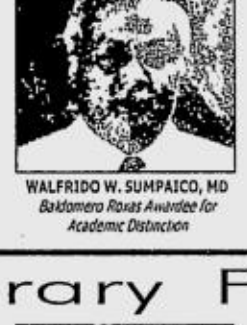

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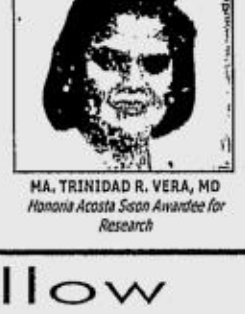

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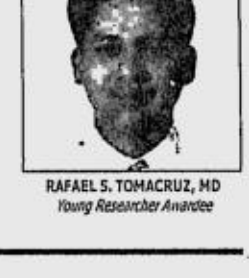

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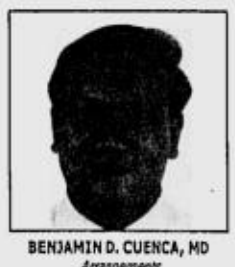

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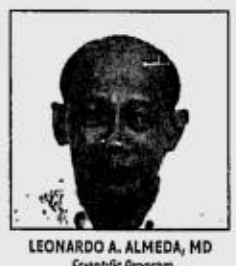

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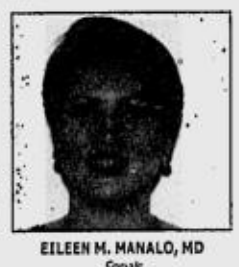

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DAY 1 - TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 11, 2003

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration - PICC
4:30 PM	Opening Ceremonies (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)
6:00 PM	Welcome Reception (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 12, 2003

8:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Plenary Lectures (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)
12:00 NN - 2:00 PM	Annual Business Meeting (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Simultaneous Sessions (MR 2 & 3, 4, 5, 6)
6:00 PM	Fellowship Night (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)

DAY 3 - THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 13, 2003

8:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Plenary Lectures (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Election - PICC
12:00 NN - 1:30 PM	Simultaneous Luncheon Symposia (Reception Hall, Mezzanine PICC & Banquet Hall)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Poster Session (2nd Floor, Executive Lounge, PICC)
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Simultaneous Sessions (MR 2 & 3, 4, 5)
6:00 PM	Night Show - PICC

DAY 4 - FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 14, 2003

8:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Plenary Lectures (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)
12:00 NN - 1:30 PM	Simultaneous Luncheon Symposia (Reception Hall, Mezzanine PICC & Banquet Hall)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Poster Sessions (2nd Floor, Executive Lounge, PICC)
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Resident's Research Paper Contest Simultaneous Session (MR 2 & 3, 4, 5)
6:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies (Grand Ballroom, WPPH)

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Soldiers back GMA, says Army exec

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The commander of the Army's 4th Infantry Division here yesterday said there was no indication his soldiers would support attempts to destabilize the Macapagal administration.

"I assure you there is nothing to worry about for we are solidly behind the President," Maj. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing said.

But a source close to Malacañang said even with the seeming silence among the military here, a major shakeup within the 4th ID was in the offing because of a resurrected story on the coup d'etat.

The source said some officers were to be sacked on suspicion they were behind the planned uprising.

Balaoing admitted "some movements" in the division would take place but said this is in connection with the retirement of Army chief Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling.

"There may be a movement soon but it has something to do with General Camiling's retirement not because of the rumored recruitment for the coup," Balaoing said.

He said since the Oakwood mutiny, his men have been undergoing periodic checks.

He said he was hoping that some groups would not take advantage of the rumors and that the media would not blow up reports that only tend to plunge the country into a deeper crisis.

"Let us help one another because we would all be losers here," Balaoing said.

But the Malacañang source, who does not want to be identified, said the military's silence on the worsening Constitutional crisis brought by the Davide impeachment issue was deafening.

The source also said a military takeover was very possible in the event former President Fidel Ramos dropped his support to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"All we can possibly do now is wait and see. The deafening silence of the military in our region is quite scary," he said.

The source, who is also a businessman, said if there is no coup d'etat, then the military might orchestrate the re-imposition of martial law.

He said the military could pressure President Macapagal into acceding by using terrorism as reason for the re-imposition of military rule.

The source cited the killings of former Air Transportation Office chief Panfilo Villaruel and Navy Lt. Ricardo Gatchilier inside the Ninoy Aquino International Airport yesterday as one example of terrorism the military could use to convince the President to declaring martial law. *Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

US MARINES demonstrate live firing during joint exercises between American and Filipino troops dubbed Talon Vision in Capas, Tarlac on Wednesday. The 15-day exercises involve 400 US Marines and 900 Filipino soldiers. EPA

6 Mt. Province towns declared peace zones

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Officials and tribal and religious leaders of six Mt. Province towns have had enough of war and designated their areas as special peace zones in a two-day meeting in Bontoc town this week.

Officials of Sabangan, Bauko, Tadian, Sadanga, Besao and the capital town of Bontoc joined Sagada as "conflict-free" zones, saying they would not allow government forces and the New People's Army to turn their towns as battlegrounds, reports from the Philippine Information Agency said.

During the Mt. Province peace consultation held at the Teng-ab Vicariate Center in Bontoc on Nov. 5 and 6, the seven towns vowed to combat poverty instead. Representatives of Barlig, Natonin and Paracelis towns did not declare their areas as peace zones. The seven towns' declaration as peace zones may be the largest such "experiment for peace" since the concept was introduced in 1987.

Risa Hontiveros-Baraquel, secretary general of the Coalition for Peace, said during the consultation that the Sagada peace zone, which was started in 1990, is one of their more successful experiments because of the strong support of the people. That six other towns would want to follow Sagada's lead was "awe-inspiring," she said.

During the consultation coordinated by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process represented by former Justice Secretary Silvestre Bello III, more than 300 delegates said their main problem on security is still the border conflict.

The tribal conflict between the Betwagan tribe in Sadanga and the neighboring Butbut tribe of Tinglayan, for example, has been ongoing for almost two years now.

The tribal war between the Fidelisan tribe in Sagada and Dallic in Bontoc in 1999 was sparked by conflict over a water source.

The delegates also listed poverty, graft and corruption, insurgency, environmental degradation, unemployment and tribal conflicts as their most serious problems.

The leaders will meet on Nov. 21 and 22 to discuss the implementing guidelines for the peace zone system among the seven towns.

House Bill 12280 (An act declaring a national policy on peace zones) introduced by former Camarines Sur Rep. Jaime Jacob in 2000 described a peace zone as "a people-initiated, community-based arrangement in a local geographical area which residents themselves declare to be off-limits to armed conflict."

Don't meddle in impeachment row, Bayan Muna urges AFP

LUCENA CITY—The militant party-list group Bayan Muna warned the Armed Forces of the Philippines not to meddle on the impeachment standoff after it expressed concern over reports that the military is prepared to intervene should the impeachment case of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. precipitate to political unrest.

Robert de Castro, Bayan Muna deputy secretary general, said what AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya had issued was a "subtle caveat," when the official recently disclosed that the military "might be put in the limelight again and be called upon to do its role" when the issue over the Chief Justice gets out of hand.

In a meeting with INQUIRER editors on Tuesday, Abaya said he was approached by certain individuals to "apprise" him of the situation but denied that the military would intervene.

According to Abaya, the group warned that the present situation might develop into a constitutional crisis and that the AFP might be called upon to do its role of protecting the people and the state.

But Wilson Fortaleza, Sanlakas president, after borrowing the phrase from a member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission, said the military has nothing much to worry about the current political crisis since it is merely a "political masturbation" of the elite.

"General Abaya should also not worry about the looming constitutional crisis. Our elite rulers, who also include the elite brass in the AFP, have already mastered the 'game of the generals' in these kinds of predicament as shown by Edsa 1 and Edsa 2," Fortaleza said in a phone interview.

He dared Abaya to reveal the names of those who "apprised" him of the situation to help clear the air of rumors of "destabilization."

He said the general must also reveal their propositions on the role of the AFP in case this turmoil grows into a downright crisis.

"If not, then Abaya's 'confession' might just be a 'psy-war tactic' of his spin-doctors to justify the red alert status of the Armed Forces," Fortaleza said.

De Castro said it was highly suspected that the AFP chief should "volunteer" information that such "consultation" transpired.

He also said the timing of the disclosure was "impeccable," with the entire military establishment placed on red alert status.

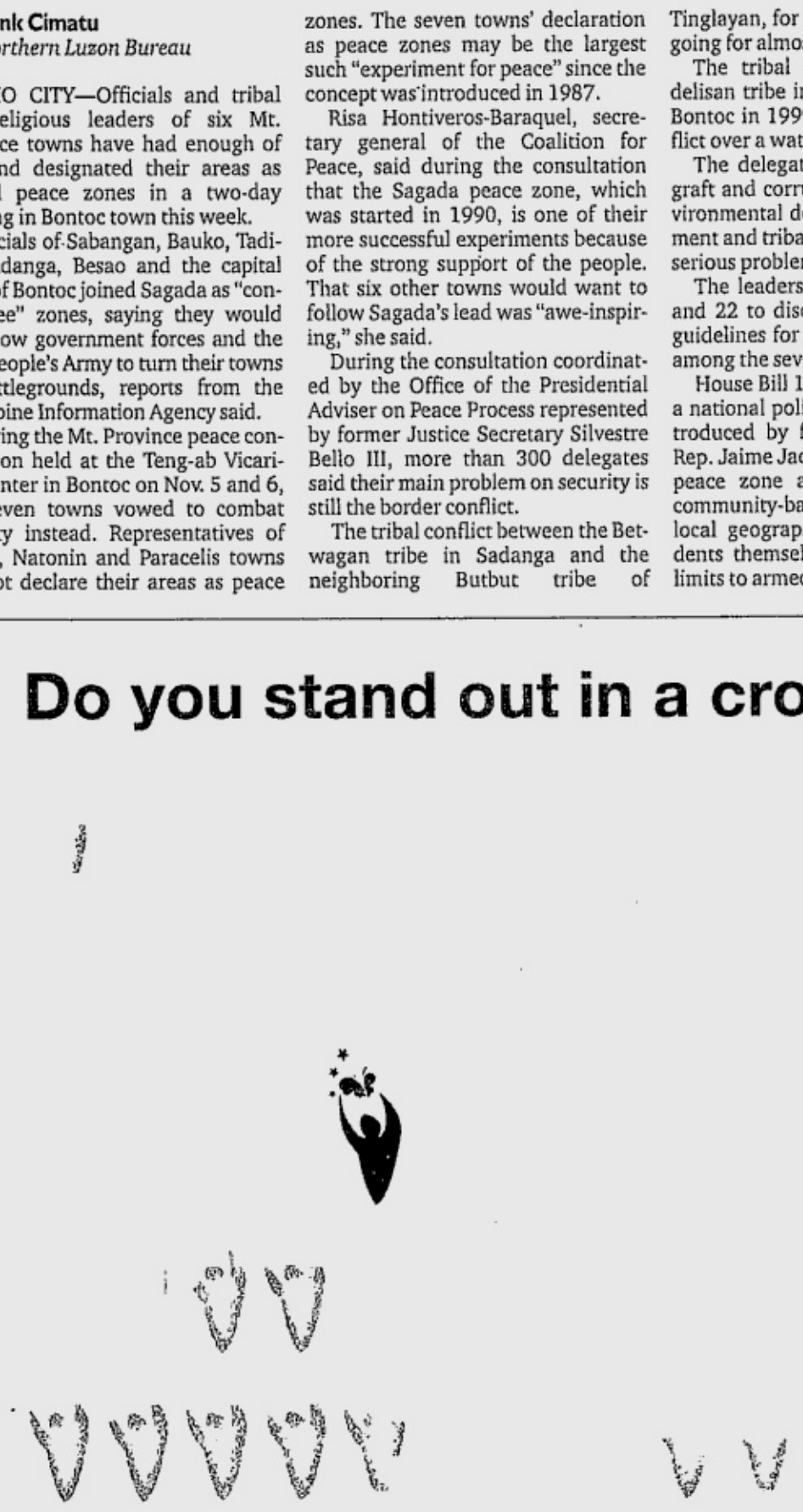
"It's a subtle caveat that the AFP is prepared to intervene. This means that should the Macapagal administration fail to satisfy mounting calls that Davide be investigated, particularly on the alleged misuse of the JDF, the military would serve as a fail-safe option," De Castro said in a statement in response to a query.

"Should the issue precipitate to political unrest, the Macapagal administration has no one else to blame but itself for its inaction on the Davide issue," he said.

Fortaleza reminded the AFP of its constitutional mandate as protector of the people and not the ruling elite. "Unfortunately, its generals would not play a balancing act in this 'crisis' because the AFP can play its card on whichever side of the warring elite," he said.

He advised the AFP to stay at the sidelines before it assists the elite camp that gains the "upper hand" in this political intramural. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Do you stand out in a crowd?



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   b. Activity / Project Involvements
   c. Awards & recognition received for the project
5. Scholastic & Leadership Awards & recognition received
6. Official Transcript of Grade (Certified True Copy)

Deadline of entries is November 30, 2003.

For more information, please contact your marketing organization or the Philippine Marketing Association at 634-4890 and 634-5722. or email agorayouth@yahoo.com.

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Oriental Mindoro bishop, clergy pledge support for Chief Justice

CALAPAN CITY—The Apostolic Vicariate of Calapan led by Bishop Warlito Cajandig on Tuesday issued a statement of support for Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

"In the midst of worsening poverty, at a time when we as a people are continually suffering from economic stagnation and political instability, the filing of impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., tainted by malicious political conspiracy to advance the economic and political interest of a particular power block, is an affront against common good and perverse political opportunism at its worse."

In the past, the vicariate had been active in social issues both local and national.

Among others, it had been a major force in the victory of the passage of the historic 25-year mining moratorium in Mindoro.

The vicariate commended Oriental Mindoro Representatives Alfonso Umali Jr. and Rep. Charity Leviste for truly considering the position of their constituents in their decision not to sign the impeachment complaint.

"The impeachment process was launched purportedly to root out graft and corruption in the government. The premise is simply hypocritical considering that the accusers could not claim moral ascendancy as that of the accused. The gospel admonition clearly resonates: 'Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eyes?'"

The vicariate further called on political leaders, in light of the present crisis, to set aside partisan or personal interest and to embrace the fundamental values of truth, honesty and justice, while adopting the pursuit of the common good as the determining goal of all political activities. *Madonna T. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Road program seen to bring more jobs

LEGAZPI CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo on Wednesday launched the "Kalsada Natin, Alagaan Natin" program aimed at generating 145,000 jobs.

In her speech before some 6,000 people in the Albay Astrodome during her visit here Friday, President Macapagal said the road is a project of the Department of Public Works and Highways in partnership with different barangays located along the national highway.

She said the project includes the maintenance of the national highways to be handled by villagers, and not by DPWH contractors, to give them the chance to get employed.

This, according to the President, would generate four jobs per kilometer of highway.

The roadside needs maintenance, especially the canals, to prevent cloggings and at the same time prevent damage to the main road.

The program, she explained, started from Urdaneta, Pangasinan to Unisan, Quezon, which are considered populated places and many are considered unemployed.

Arroyo added that she decided to also extend the program to Bicol because for a long time, the region has been at the bottom of economic growth, ranked second to the poorest region in the country.

The technical aspect of the project is under DPWH's supervision.

The President also disclosed the rehabilitation of the railroad from Manila to Bicol, which will be extended to Sorsogon.

She said a budget of P3.5 billion from Australia, which was awarded three months ago, would be used for the proposed rehabilitation project. *Joyce Mejillano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Mayor moves like a 'development worker'

By Maria Cecil Laguardia
Contributor

WHEN James Odong of World Vision Uganda's Peace and Advocacy Program met Mayor Alfonso Singcoy of Malapatan, Sarangani province, he immediately concluded that the chief executive was "like an NGO development worker, not a politician."

He was impressed with how the mayor reaches out to his constituents and makes himself available just by being himself.

A staff at the municipal office said the mayor is up early and goes around the town to get a feel of his people's concerns.

The mayor, a Maguindanaon, said he prefers to be in ordinary clothes "like t-shirt and *maong* pants so people will not be intimidated to talk to me. I want to be approachable to everyone."

In 1996, he started a reforestation program while serving the municipality as councilor.

When he became mayor in 1998, the program became a passion. After his exposure trip in Palawan, he vowed to fill every nook and cranny of Malapatan with fruit trees. He estimates the grown trees now to have reached more than hundreds of thousands.

"If people are busy, productive and later could earn sufficient income, they will not think of causing trouble to their fellowmen," Singcoy said.

His vision is to build a processing plant so people can process the fruits and market them at competitive prices.

He urged his officials to go out to their constituents and "not wait for the people to go to them."

He said the project's goal is to promote concern for the environment and at the same time generate income for the families in the future.

Thousands of seedlings are allocated in every village for distribution that can be paid later.

One of those who got convinced of the merits of the program was Ibrahim Jaafar of Barangay Sapu Masla, who has already planted more than a thousand trees.

The mayor said: "Before, nobody took the program seriously. But now, many are convinced. If one planted trees upon the birth of their children, the fruits would be ready to be marketed by the time they are in school. It will be a steady and dependable income for the family."

MAYOR Singcoy (right) warmly welcomes World Vision Uganda's James Odong. CECIL LAGUARDIA

Malapatan's tri-people population is a model of a culture of peace.

It is not surprising to see all tribes engaged in projects and activities.

"Like a broom, we can make a difference if we are united," Singcoy said.

The mayor believes in providing equal opportunities for people—whether they are B'laans, Maguindanaons or Visayans.

"There is no reason we cannot rise from poverty as long as we are industrious and hardworking. We are the biggest tuna supplier of General Santos City," he said.

The mayor affirmed that World Vision projects in the seven villages of the municipality truly "helped the poor."

"We are happy that our children have better opportunities now, especially in education, than we had before."

World Vision has a total of 1,120 sponsored children in Malapatan. Led by coordinator Liza Branal, Asian Development Program (ADP) Sarangani is also the Center of Learning (CoL) of the Local Capacities for Peace (LCP) Project.

The ADP is managed by the people's organization Sarangani Community Development Foundation, Inc. (Sarcodfi) whose officers and members are composed of different tribes. Its present chair of the Board of Trustees is Adelina Durban, who belongs to the indigenous tribe of B'laan while her co-chair Ferdinand Usop is a Maguindanaon.

Singcoy, now on his second term as mayor, also urged the ADP to assist in the municipality's reforestation program, which distributes fruit tree seedlings to interested residents. Malapatan has a land area of at least 62,465 hectares.

It has 12 villages populated by about 54,000 people belonging to at least 13 tribes, majority of whom are Cebuanos (40%), followed by B'laans (37%) and Maguindanaons (12%). Majority of its people are engaged in farming and fishing.

Planting seeds of peace and development in Pikit

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Kidapawan City

FOR so many years, most residents of Barangay Dalengaoen in Pikit, North Cotabato were so idle their farmlands were like empty bins waiting to be filled.

Dalengaoen barangay chair Omar Onggi described the people in his village as "unproductive," adding that as most of their lands remained barren, so did their stomachs remain empty.

But in a dramatic turn of events, this sad-but-true situation has changed.

The government-led war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Pikit last February left thousands of civilians without homes. For fear of being caught between warring forces, the villagers in the Buliok Complex, which surrounds the Liguasan Marsh area, were forced to evacuate, leaving behind most of their properties and livelihood.

Barangay Dalengaoen, along with the villages of Inug-ug, Buliok, Barongis, Gli-gli, Raja muda, Kabasalan, Bulod, Bulol and Nalapaan, was among those hardest hit by the war in February.

The government-initiated war against the MILF made many lives miserable. With many stories of anger and sufferings, the question left for the government to answer was how to rebuild the lives of thousands of civilians.

For North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, the best move was not to dole out assistance to the people. Piñol's concept of giving the affected people assistance boils down to being independent and later achieving development by themselves.

Then came the Special Economic Enhancement and Development Program (Seed).

Rehabilitation

"Seed Pikit came into being as a response to rehabilitation, efforts to regain the trust and confidence of the Muslim people towards government, and to really see to it that progress and development would serve as a pivotal factor to really bring about peace," Piñol said.

The program revolves around rehabilitating and developing the poor communities of the rebel-controlled or influenced barangays, and to mobilize support, strengthen interagency intervention and participation in the rehabilitation and economic development of the communities of Pikit.

The provincial government planned out specific projects under the program including social services, education, health and nutrition, infrastructure support and agro-economic livelihood.

Some of the long-term goals include development of quality elementary and high school graduates; intensive adult teach-in sessions and the conduct of mother's classes, training programs on health and nutrition to decrease malnutrition, mortality and morbidity rates; and food security for the home and a source of income for community beneficiaries.

"We do governance here just as we play a basketball game. There are instances during the game that you have to react under a given situation. I've always believed that even if we sign a thousand peace agreements, if our Moro constituents in the province of Cotabato would remain hungry and poor, we will always have problems," the governor said.

The program, manned by Muslim employees of the province, was launched in March. Right after its launching, program recipients from 33 villages of Pikit were given materials for corn planting as part one of the primary component of the program.

Rugaya Salik, Seed Pikit program coordinator, said the provincial government allotted P4.6 million for corn planting, which includes seeds, fertilizers and cash assistance as part of the labor component of the program.

Salik said they have listed around 800 farmers as beneficiaries with 1,078 hectares of land served.

But somewhere along the implementation of the corn program, another disaster came that wilted down the sprouting hope of the people.

While everybody was expecting a flood last July, Salik said, nobody anticipated that it would be so damaging that it would wash away 94 percent of the P4.6 million invested for the corn production.

"They came to us crying. They were really devastated and we were devastated as well. But we did everything to keep them hoping. We told them not to be discouraged because the government will be supporting them," Salik added.

Rice production

The provincial government's immediate response to the disaster was to introduce rice production. However, the government had difficulty finding certified planting materials that could meet their target planting area of 1,000 hectares, Salik said.

The people and Salik's group devised a mechanism that would help the surviving residents of Pikit.

"What we are working on now is the fish corral that would initially benefit some 20 fisherfolk. After we gain from the first group, we will give assistance to another group of fishermen," Salik pointed.

Meanwhile, Oplan Salaam Brotherhood, another component of the Seed Pikit, is set to kick-off on Nov. 11. This component aims to connect the Muslim and Christian residents of North Cotabato, thus breaking the complex web of biases and prejudices between the two groups.

The component will allow 20 rice farmers from the towns of M'lang and Tulunan to visit 10 rice farmers in Pikit.

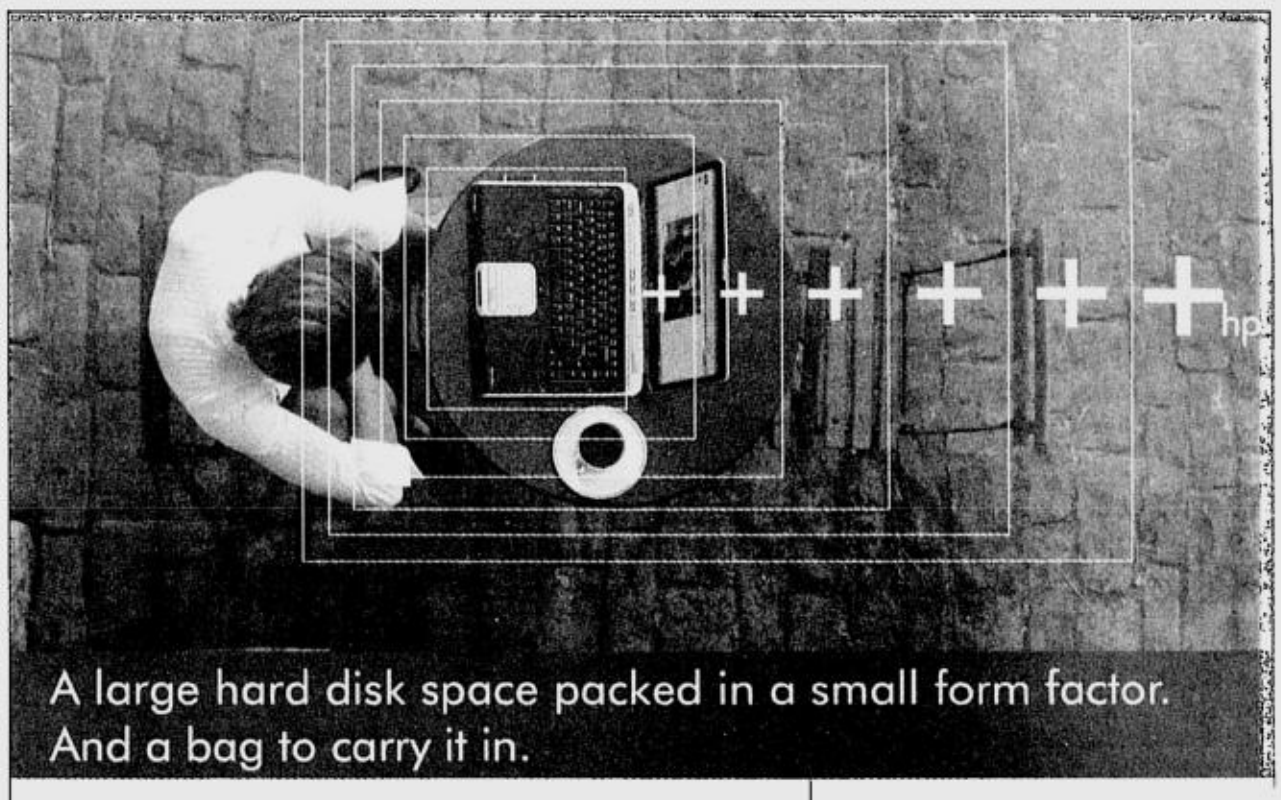
Salik explained that Oplan Salaam Brotherhood is seen to strengthen the Christian-Muslim relationship in the province and to alleviate the economic condition of the rice farmers of Pikit.

For obvious reasons, Salik said, the Tulunan and M'lang farmers are technologically advanced compared to their counterparts in Pikit.

"We are not only concerned about technology transfer here but we also want Muslims and Christians to have that feeling of connection between them instead of a gap," Salik said.

For Piñol, development is key to the achievement of true and lasting peace.

"We are showing the people our resolve. I think, more than just counting the number of corn that we have harvested from the field, what is important now is that the Muslim people in the province of Cotabato are seeing Seed Pikit as an answer to their problems, a scheme that would help them settle down and achieve development and progress," Piñol said.



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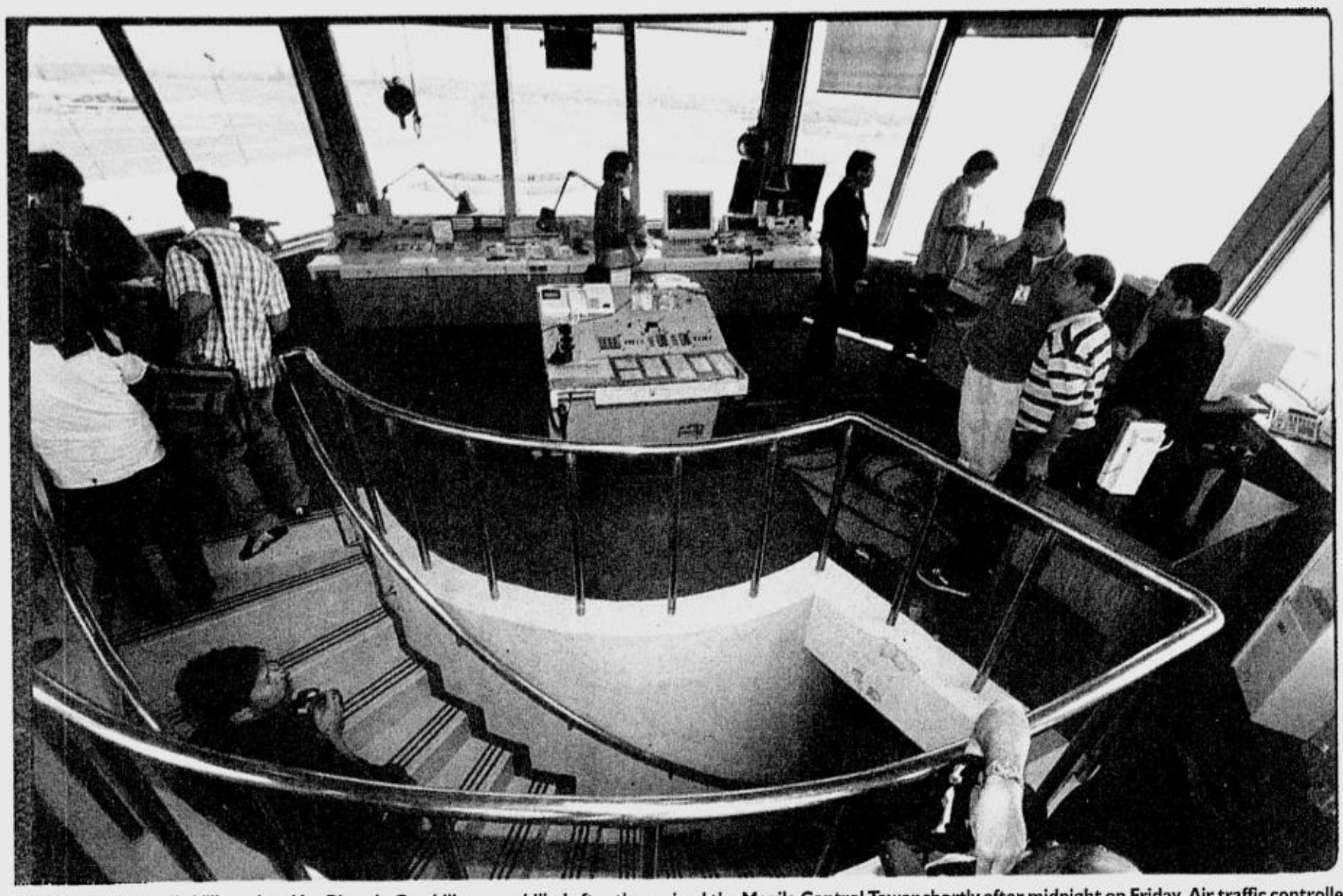


WHERE Capt. Panfilo Villaruel and Lt. Ricardo Catchillar were killed after they seized the Manila Control Tower shortly after midnight on Friday. Air traffic controllers have returned to work and Naia 2 has resumed normal operations. ROGER MARGALLO

SPIRAL stairway leads to the top of the 12-story tower. ROGER MARGALLO

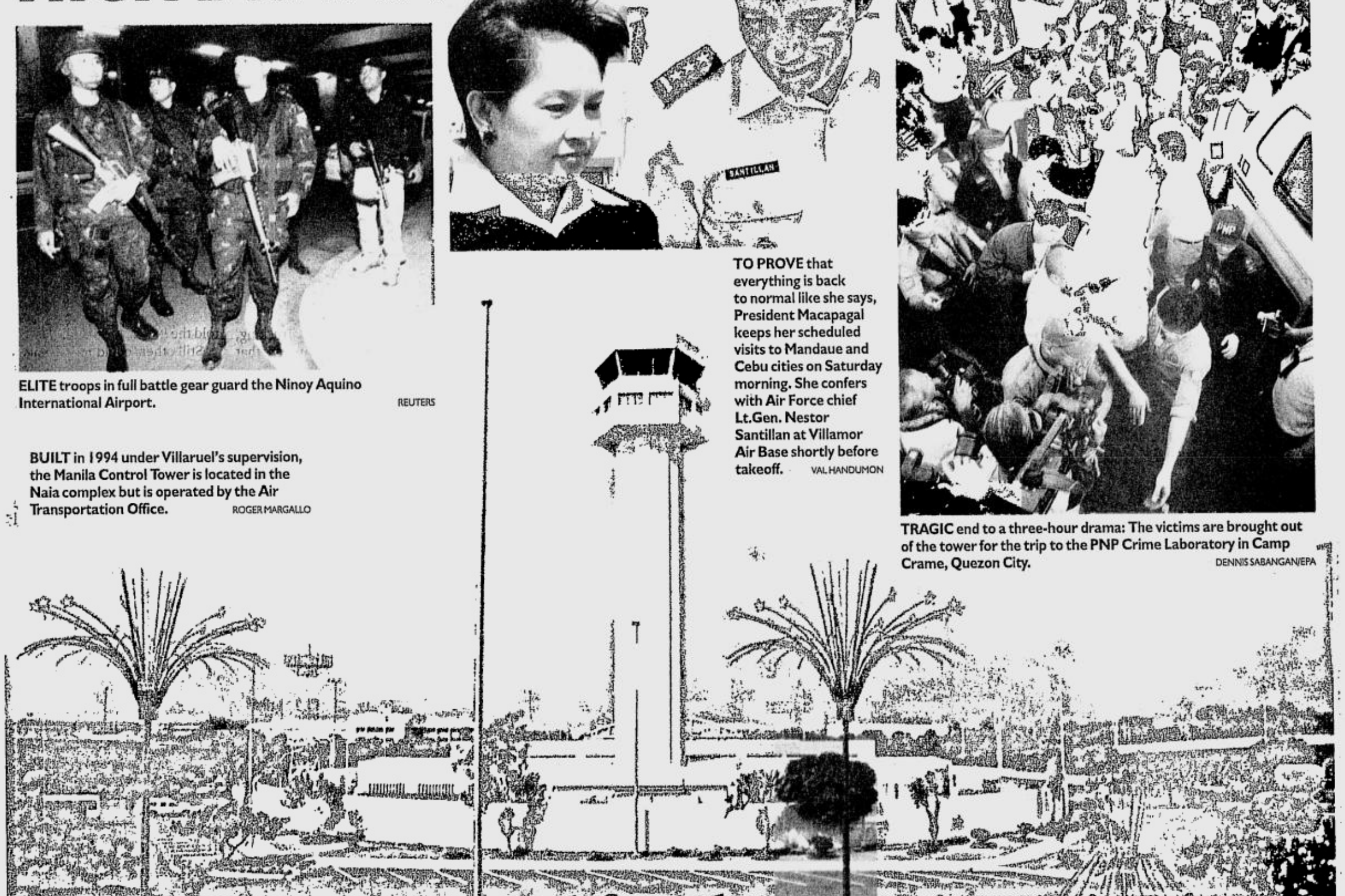
HIGH DRAMA

ELITE troops in full battle gear guard the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. REUTERS

TO PROVE that everything is back to normal like she says, President Macapagal keeps her scheduled visits to Mandaue and Cebu cities on Saturday morning. She confers with Air Force chief Lt.Gen. Nestor Santillan at Villamor Air Base shortly before takeoff. VAL HANDUMON

TRAGIC end to a three-hour drama: The victims are brought out of the tower for the trip to the PNP Crime Laboratory in Camp Crame, Quezon City. DENNIS SABANGAN/EPA

BUILT in 1994 under Villaruel's supervision, the Manila Control Tower is located in the Naia complex but is operated by the Air Transportation Office. ROGER MARGALLO



'An overkill;' Villaruel family wants investigation

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would seek an independent investigation and the help of cause-oriented groups.

Tragic twist

In a tragic twist of fate, The Associated Press quoted dzBB that the first plane that landed at the Naia after Villaruel was killed—a Philippine Airlines flight from Los Angeles—was piloted by his son, Paul Michael, a former PAF pilot.

Dante Jimenez, founding chair of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption and a reservist like Villaruel, described the latter as "a man of good standing and a fighter for democracy."

Jimenez said Villaruel's killing was an "overkill."

"He should have been kept alive to find out his real motives for taking over the tower," Jimenez said.

Villaruel's last words to his youngest son before he seized the control tower built during his term as chief of the Air Transportation Office were: "I have a rendezvous with destiny... The country is in flames... I have to take the lead."

Abat, chair of the Federation of Commissioned, Reserved and Enlisted Soldiers (or Forces), described Panfilo Villaruel as "a nice fellow, very idealistic."

Very idealistic

"He would always complain about the kind of government that we have, the corruption in the political system," Abat, a former ambassador, defense secretary and Army chief, said in a phone interview.

Abat recalled that Villaruel was vice president of Forces at the height of the protest rallies in 2000 calling for the ouster of then President Joseph Estrada on grounds of corruption.

He expressed sadness at Villaruel's passing, saying: "I don't understand how he was killed at the tower. Some said he was armed; others said he was not."

In an interview with GMA-7, the son said he made sense of his father's cryptic message only after news came out that his father, accompanied by Navy Lt. Ricardo Catchillar, had seized the control tower.

Shortly before he and Catchillar were shot dead, Villaruel was telling radio station dzBB about his "mission." He said his action was neither supported by politicians nor intended to topple President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration.

Kind-hearted

Villaruel's friend Pastor "Boy" Saycon, secretary general of the Council of Philippine Affairs (Copa), also said the commando-style raid of the tower was "very uncalled for" because there was "no very grave threat."

But Saycon said he was "very surprised" at what Villaruel did.

"I know he's not a violent man," Saycon told the Inquirer. "He was rather soft-spoken and kind-hearted."

Saycon said Villaruel was his friend and that they both helped in Fidel Ramos' campaign for the presidency in 1992. He said Villaruel was a member of the Copa-affiliated Philippine Patriotic Association (PPA) headed by Dr. Emmanuel Yap. "He was very cool and not very abrasive during the [siege]," Saycon added. "He even let the tower staff go. I think he was just looking for a forum to articulate his frustrations, and he succeeded in doing that."

Suffering

Before he was shot dead, Villaruel claimed he was representing 82 million "suffering" Filipinos and deplored the controversial Purchased Power Adjustment in electricity bills.

He said it was the government that should be paying for this "mistake," and not "the poor who can barely afford to eat."

He said the government owed war veterans P14 billion, but its officials could only make empty promises in speeches.

Villaruel raised the irony of "rugby" street children sleeping behind the renovated Ermita area in Manila, which Mayor Lito Atienza has turned into a tourist attraction. He urged Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman to "fix the problem" and not settle for photo opportunities.

He also said that had he not stormed the control tower, he would not have discovered that employees assigned there had reportedly not been receiving their overtime pay.

He said this issue pained him more because he used to head the ATO.

Another matter that pained Villaruel was the government's purported failure to take care of local inventors such as himself.

Harassment

In 1997, he claimed that the politics supposedly attending his pioneering designs triggered the filing of a sexual harassment case against him by Katherine Desierto Zuño, granddaughter of former Ombudsman Aniano Desierto.

He claimed then that the complainant was being used by certain groups conniving with the labor union at the Philippine Aerospace Development Corp., of which he was president, supposedly to keep the company's projects from taking flight.

Saycon said he was familiar with Villaruel's frustrations regarding corruption and red tape in the government agencies to which he had offered his design for a helicopter he dubbed "Hummingbird" and a wooden plane.

Villaruel was also an avionics expert and sold aviation parts and software programs.

Saycon said he last saw Villaruel a couple of months ago but that he knew the latter met Tuesday with Sorsogon Rep. Jose Solis, a fellow PPA member, to inquire on the progress of the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide, and to again air his frustrations over government corruption.

Pilot

Villaruel was a 1961 graduate of the Philippine Air Force Flying School. After serving as a pilot in the "flight line" or field for eight years, he retired and joined commercial aviation, according to PAF spokesperson Maj. Restituto Padilla.

Catchillar, 38, trained briefly with the Navy's elite, Special Warfare Group and was commissioned in 1993, officials said.

At the time of his death, he was undergoing court martial at the Judge Advocate General's Office for conduct unbecoming been an officer, military records showed.

Catchillar was put on "floating" status in August 2002 for alleged polygamy, a violation of the Articles of War. He had since been regularly reporting to the Headquarters Support Group.

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Lightning hits mom, 2 kids in Luneta

By Leila Salaverria

A STROLL in Rizal Park, Manila, turned tragic for a young mother and her two children when they were hit by lightning during a thunderstorm yesterday afternoon.

SP03 Ricardo Magbanua said Donalyn N. Manguerra, 26, a resident of Pasig City, and her two children, a 4-year-old boy and a 6-year-old girl, were taken to the Manila Doctor's Hospital after they were hit by lightning at around 2:30 p.m.

According to Dr. Patricia Villarosa, the hospital's emergency room officer, the two children had no heartbeat when they were brought in.

As of 3:30 p.m. yesterday, doctors are still trying to revive the children who remained unconscious, Villarosa said.

According to several AMA students who witnessed the incident, Manguerra and the children were standing under an Indian tree near the Chinese Garden and were holding an umbrella when they saw lightning strike the victims. At the time, there was heavy rain and loud thunderclaps could be heard.

"After the lightning struck, we saw that their umbrella was smoking," recalled a male AMA student who declined to give his name.

The AMA students were in Rizal Park to practice their cheering moves.

The black backpack Manguerra was carrying was also damaged, its back portion slightly singed.

The lightning bolt knocked the victims to the ground, the students said. They then sought the help of park authorities, who took the victims to the hospital.

Witnesses who saw the victims when they were brought to the hospital said Manguerra appeared the least hurt. They said the hair at the back of her head appeared burnt and the edge of her face red. The children seemed to have suffered burns all over their bodies.

Bottled H_2O sells briskly in Camanava, QC areas

THEY may be poor but they're not taking any risks.

Alarmed over the recent gastroenteritis outbreak in Tondo, Manila, informal settlers in Quezon City and the Camanava (Caloocan-Malabon-Navotas-Valenzuela) area have been left with no other choice but to spend a fortune on bottled water from refilling stations.

They claimed that a big part of their meager budget everyday is now being allocated for water.

"My husband, who is a contractual carpenter, only earns P180 a day. But instead of buying food for my four children, I have to spend almost half of that amount to buy bottled water," Amanda Salvacion, 36, of Payatas, Quezon City, said.

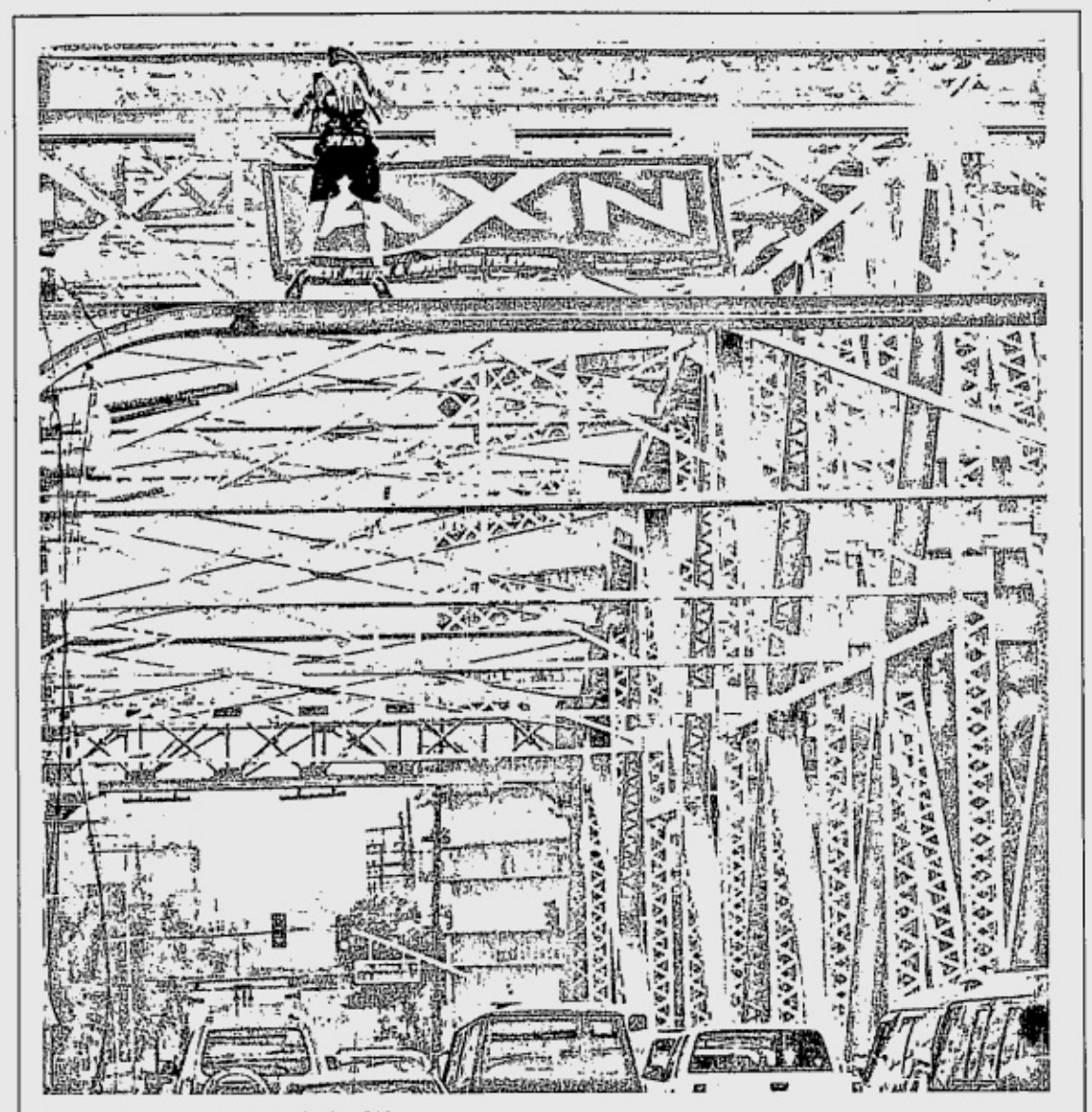
"We don't want to suffer the same fate of Manila residents. It's better to be safe than sorry," added Merly Tumala, 45, a mother of six from Caloocan City.

A small bottle of distilled water ranges from P10 to P12 each, while a gallon costs P35-45. Mineral water costs a bit higher, with P12 to P16 for a small bottle and P45 to P60 per gallon.

This also means a lucrative sale for water refilling station owners.

Mandy Santa Ines, 39, an engineer who owns a refilling station in Malabon, claimed his sale doubled since the gastro outbreak.

"Who would still dare to drink water from their taps after the outbreak? The residents seem to have been discouraged from drinking water straight from their faucets," he said. *Tina Santos*



ENDURANCE CHALLENGE
A participant in the AXN Race Endurance Challenge scales the steel girders of the Ayala Bridge Saturday in a bid to cross over to the other side of the span. The Manila leg of the event has drawn 240 participants.
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Suspected cop killers nabbed

By Leila B. Salaverria and Luige del Puerto

THREE men on Friday were arrested in connection with the killing of two police officers in Manila and Marikina City.

Russel Biligan, 25, and his brother, Reggie, 38, were arrested in their house in Kahilum Dos, Pandacan, Manila, according to Supt. Araceli Hofileña, Western Police District station 5 commander.

Russel was arrested shortly after he allegedly killed sales agent Sanjay B. Mayo III.

His brother Reggie was arrested for illegal possession of drugs.

Their father, Roberto Biligan, 59, was also arrested for obstruction of justice.

The three have denied the charges against them, police said.

Hofileña said the Biligan brothers are members of the "Harurot gang" and are the primary suspects in the killing of P01 Michael Dennis Corpuz on Nov. 2.

Hofileña added that the brothers also had a hand in the shooting of barangay official Noel Capapas last Thursday.

Capapas and Corpuz were shot by men on board a white taxi.

According to SP02 Virgo Villareal, several men on a white taxi and a pickup truck tried to rob businessman Jonas Ang, who had just taken his girlfriend home on Union Street, Paco at 9:45 p.m.

Mayo and some of his friends saw what was going on and went to Ang's rescue. Before they fled, the suspects opened fire and hit Mayo in the chest.

The brothers were tracked down to their house and arrested. Police found a 9-mm pistol in the suspects' house. Investigators said the pistol could belong to Corpuz.

In Marikina, policemen arrested Jack Zacaria in his house on Singkamas Street, Tumana District, according to Senior Supt. Felipe Rojas Jr., city police chief.

Rojas yesterday said that Zacaria is the main suspect in the killing of SPO1 Rodolfo Samaniego in August 2002.

Samaniego and P02 Victor Sia were then conducting anti-illegal drug operations in Tumana when suspected drug pushers and users attacked them, Rojas said.

During the melee, Zacaria grabbed Samaniego's service firearm and used it on the officer.

When arrested, Zacaria denied killing the policeman. But Samaniego's partner, Sia, identified Zacaria as the one who shot and killed his partner, Rojas said.

METROBRIEFS

Gunfight on Araneta

SUSPECTED robbers Roberto Mata, Jonathan Magistrado and Antonio Roldan yesterday engaged lawmen in a brief gunfight on Araneta Avenue in Quezon City and were later arrested. Police said Mata, 40, Magistrado, 35, and Roldan, 32, forced open a delivery van and tried to steal reams of computer paper inside. But employees of Forms International Corp. caught the robbers, forcing the suspects to flee in a getaway vehicle. A police mobile unit on patrol in the area promptly gave chase and cornered the suspects' vehicle at around 1 p.m. Two suspects were wounded in the shootout. *Tina Santos*

Road show

"GOVERNMENT works, MMDA works." With this theme, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority will be celebrating its 27th anniversary next week, with a five-day road show featuring its famed equipment. MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said the road show, which will be held in five different places in Metro Manila, will present advanced MMDA equipment like truck washers, street sweepers, "manlifters," concrete breakers and rescue and drainage equipment. *Margaux Ortiz*

Murder weapon

POLICE are now close to identifying the killer of Philippine Normal University professor Romero Royo, following the recovery of a blood-stained knife believed to be the murder weapon. SP02 Steve Casimiro said the police on Friday also found in the victim's residence a pair of denim short pants and violet T-shirt, which are said to belong to the suspect. Royo was found dead on Oct. 28 in his residence at the GSIS building on Anonas Street, Sta. Mesa, Manila. Police are now checking the knife for fingerprints. *Leila Salaverria*

Observe novena masses, public urged

THE CATHOLIC Bishops' Conference of the Philippines is calling on the people to observe the nine First Fridays to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and five First Saturdays to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In a pastoral message, CBCP President Orlando B. Quevedo, OMI, has called on the faithful to attend the series of masses and Communions of Reparation to offset the current "crisis in the priesthood," which has shaken the "deepest beliefs and values in our family and community life as a Church."

Quevedo, also the archbishop of Cotabato, urged every diocese and parish to make its Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart on Christ the King Sunday, (Nov. 23).

According to the pastoral message, "the focus of the earnest renewal of the nine-month period will be the 9 First Friday Novenas to the Sacred Heart... for the spiritual and moral renewal of the world, as called for by the Second Vatican Council."

The chain of First Fridays began on Nov. 7 and includes all the First Fridays after that, till July 2, 2004.

"We are only too greatly aware of the need of reform in our country," Quevedo said. "There is so much we must struggle to reform and renew in our nation and its institutions."

Early Xmas treat for Makati folk

LTFRB bars operations of truck firm on 2 roads

By Tina Santos

RESIDENTS of Arellano Avenue and Madras Street in Palanan, Makati, got an early Christmas treat when the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board canceled and revoked the franchise of ESC Trucking Service Corp., whose trucks, they claimed, have been breaking the peace and polluting the air in their neighborhood for almost two decades.

The residents said they are looking forward to opening the windows of their houses again to let in some fresh air and enjoy a good night's sleep—things which they last enjoyed 18 years ago.

In a seven-page decision dated Nov. 3, LTFRB chair Maria Elena Bautista ordered that the Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) issued to the firm be cancelled and revoked.

"Any endeavor, to entertain or sustain the respondent's argument would be a disservice and undeserved punishment to the complainants, who have suffered long enough," the order said.

Final and executory

The owner of ESC Trucking, Emmanuel Castillo, argued that Arellano Ave., site of the truck garage, is a commercial area. He said the decision granting the application for CPC has become final and executory.

But Bautista said the respondent's argument "suffers a basic oversight of the powers of the Board," saying the CPC approved by the Board is not an absolute right and permanent privilege because it can be amended, modified, or cancelled when it is no longer viable to the public and to the general interest.

Also, Bautista said some of the documents, particularly the zoning clearance, which Castillo submitted appeared to be spurious.

The trucks have been using a 300-square meter lot at 4637 Arellano Avenue as a garage and repair shop. Worse, the firm has also turned the streets into its own parking lot.

Milestone

Palanan residents had resorted to legal action after the authorities—the police, barangay and city hall officials—failed to act on their complaint.

"At long last, we finally achieved justice," said Amy Mojica, a bank executive whose family has been living in the area for the past 46 years.

She claimed she and most members of her family had been stricken with respiratory ailments because of the trucks' fumes.

Manuel Bondad, a resident for 30 years, called the Board's decision a "milestone."

"Just imagine how long we have suffered, nevertheless, its really worth the wait," Bondad told the INQUIRER.

Still others could not believe it when the case was finally decided in their favor.

"God finally answered our prayer," said Joan Noble, a secretary of the Lord Jesus Bible Church on Arellano Avenue. "It finally came to pass, and I think this is one good reason to celebrate."

With the LTFRB decision, the residents hope that the order will immediately be implemented.

"They (ESC Trucking) have no choice but to follow the order, or they would have to face the consequences," Noble said.

Thief locks himself in toilet, is arrested

RENATO Layson could have immediately escaped after robbing an auto supply store on Friday, but the call of nature drove him to use the victim's toilet.

But to his horror, he found himself locked in and, later, found himself locked up in jail.

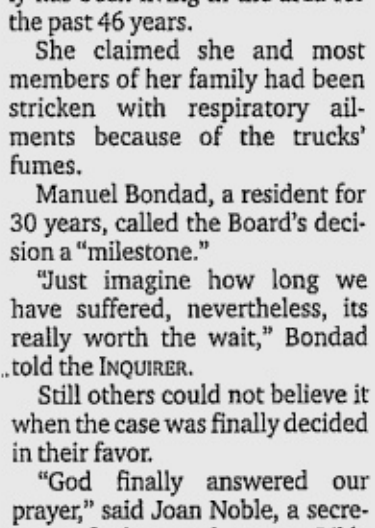
Layson, 30, of 4th Avenue, Caloocan City, told police he did not regret pulling off the heist, but on having stood a minute longer relieving himself at his victim's toilet.

He said he could have fled immediately from the scene.

But unable to contain the urge to relieve himself, Layson decided to use the toilet. That's when he found himself locked from the inside.

His panicked attempt to open the door created a lot of noise and caught the attention of the owners, who then called the police.

Layson was arrested by operatives of the Caloocan police at



10:45 p.m. inside the toilet of the New Farline Auto Supply on Rizal Avenue Extension in Grace Park, Caloocan City, owned by a certain Dr. Charlie Sy.

Police said the suspect climbed the concrete fence from the neighboring lot and got inside the shop through an opening on the roof. *Tina Santos*

MMDA set to cover Metro with flowery love chain

By Margaux Ortiz

METRO Manila will soon bloom with flowers.

This is what the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) intends to do in the next few months.

The goal is part of a project called "Pabulaklakin ang Metro Manila," which the MMDA has launched recently.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said he prefers to plant cadena de amor along the metropolis, specially around the Metro Rail Transit and Light Rail Transit stations and electric posts.

Fernando said their personnel have begun putting wires in these areas to support cadena de amor vines.

He also said that if he has his way, he would pick cadena de amor as the official flower of the metropolis.

"The cadena de amor is an easy favorite; it is prolific and has pretty pink and white flowers," Fernando told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

Fernando also said in jest, "Besides, Metro Manila does not have an official flower yet."

He stressed that cadena de amor means chain of love, which will send a positive message to residents of Metro Manila.

He added that the vines will protect posts from both graffiti and election posters.

But Fernando said they have yet to assess if the cadena de amor will thrive in its new environment.

He also said that they have yet to consult with the Metro Manila Council if the mayors are open to the idea of having an official flower for the metropolis.

Fernando disclosed that President Macapagal-Arroyo has requested the agency to continue beautifying Metro Manila by planting shrubs and flowers in its major thoroughfares.

"We are just finishing off what we started when we spruced up the metropolis for US President (George W.) Bush's visit last month," Fernando said.

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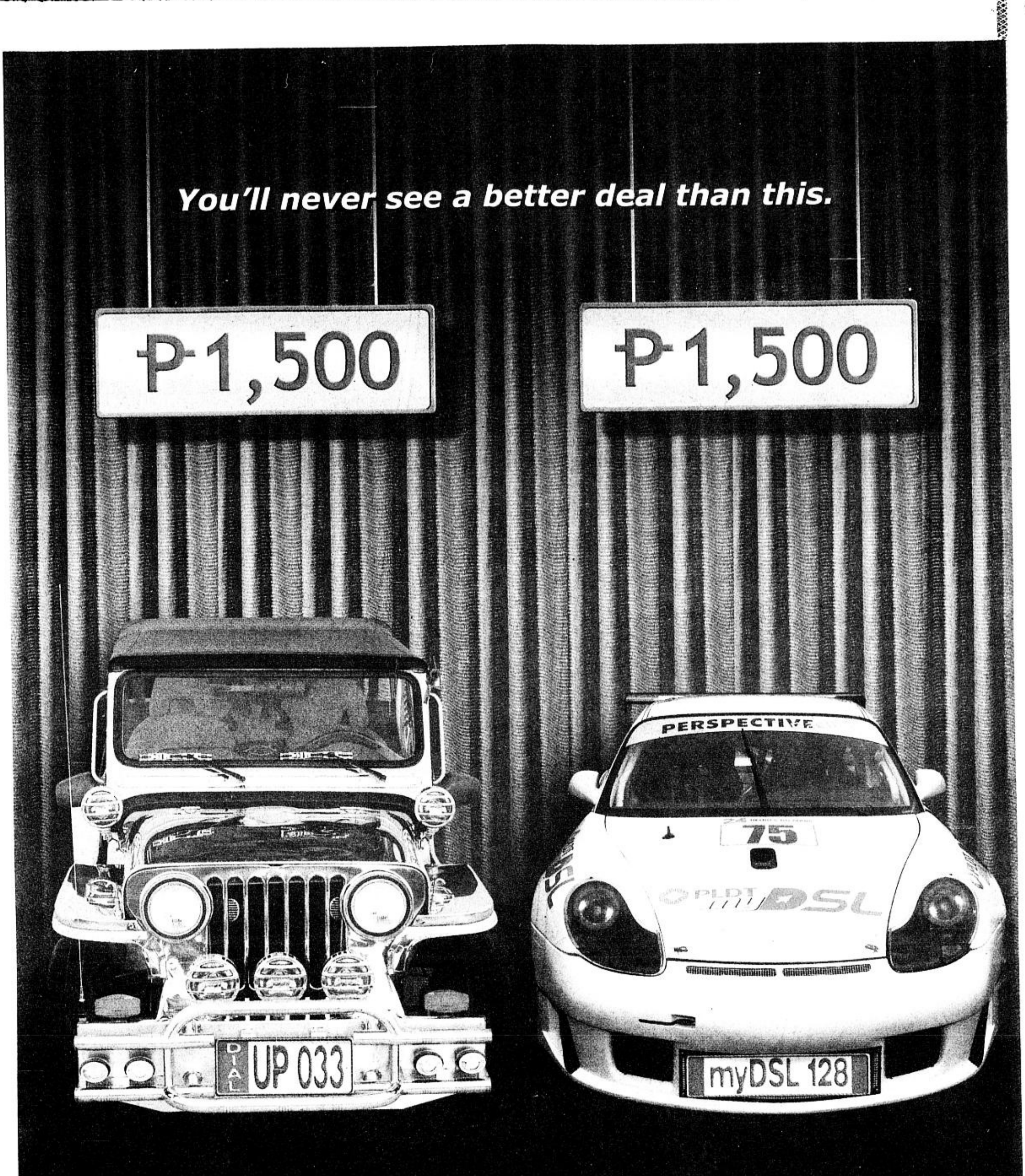

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SEA GAMES BOOST

Wushu bets win 2 golds in world tilt

MACAU, China—Asian Games veteran Arvin Ting and newcomer Rene Catalan rewarded the Philippines with two gold medals in the just-concluded 7th world wushu championships here.

The Filipinos also captured two silver and four bronze medals as they boosted their upcoming campaign in the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games.

The 15-year-old Ting scored 9.21 points to beat Hong Kong's Yu Huang To (9.20) and Korea's Heung Seok Kweon (9.16) in the men's broadsword play competition.

Catalan, one of the newest members of the RP national team, whipped Myanmar's Thein Htike Oo in the men's 48-kilogram finals in sanshou (sparring).

Lily So posted 9.21 points to take the silver in women's nangun and then shared the silver with May Lim in the dual event, where they scored 9.25 points.

The Filipino bronze medalists were Willy Wang in spearplay, Rexel Nganhayna (56 kg sanshou), Joseph Pasiwat (60 kg sanshou) and Jennifer Lagilag (48 kg female sanshou).

"I'm proud of our athletes," said Wushu Federation of the Philippines president Julian Camacho, who headed the 19-man RP delegation. "They gave their best in every event."

The creditable performance is indicative of "our (wushu) team's readiness for the Vietnam SEA Games next month," added Camacho.

The Filipinos shone in the world tourney, which lured 57 countries, including powerhouse China, Korea, Russia, Iran and Egypt.

"This is definitely an improvement on our showing four years ago in Hong Kong where we won only one silver courtesy of Willy Wang," said team manager Edwin Pimentel.

More importantly, Pimentel pointed out that Catalan beat Myanmar's Thein, who has been tagged as one of the favorites in the Vietnam Games.

China won four gold medals, Korea and Russia had two each while Iran and Egypt took one each in the other sanshou events.

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Yap sizzles, lifts Welcoat past Sunkist

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2 p.m.—Viva Mineral Water vs RP (exhibition game)
4 p.m.—Blu Star Detergent vs ICTSI-La Salle

JAMES Yap debuted with aplomb for Welcoat Paints yesterday, sizzling in the final quarter and lifting the Paint Masters past Sunkist-University of Santo Tomas, 71-60, at the start of the PBL Platinum Cup at the Pasig Sports Center.

The 6-foot-3 swingman from Bacolod City strung up eight points, including two triples at the start of the payoff period that gave five-time titlist Welcoat enough cushion in the face of Sunkist's repeated rallies.

Montaña Pawnshop subdued Fash Liquid Detergent, 70-67, in the second game as Jon Dan Salvador and former league MVP Gary David combined for 29 points.

Yap, who is contemplating on turning pro next year, finished with 14 points on 6-of-15 shooting from the field after struggling in the first two quarters. He also had six rebounds but committed four errors in 26 minutes of action.

Welcoat coach Leo Austria said: "A win is a win, *kahit* one point *lang ang panalo. Ang mahalaga, nanalo kami sa* first game *namin.*"

"*Medyo kinabahan din ako dahil lumamang kami ng* 15 points in the first quarter but we lost it. *Mabuti na lang nag*-respond *ang mga bata*, especially James," added Austria, who also drew big games from newcom-

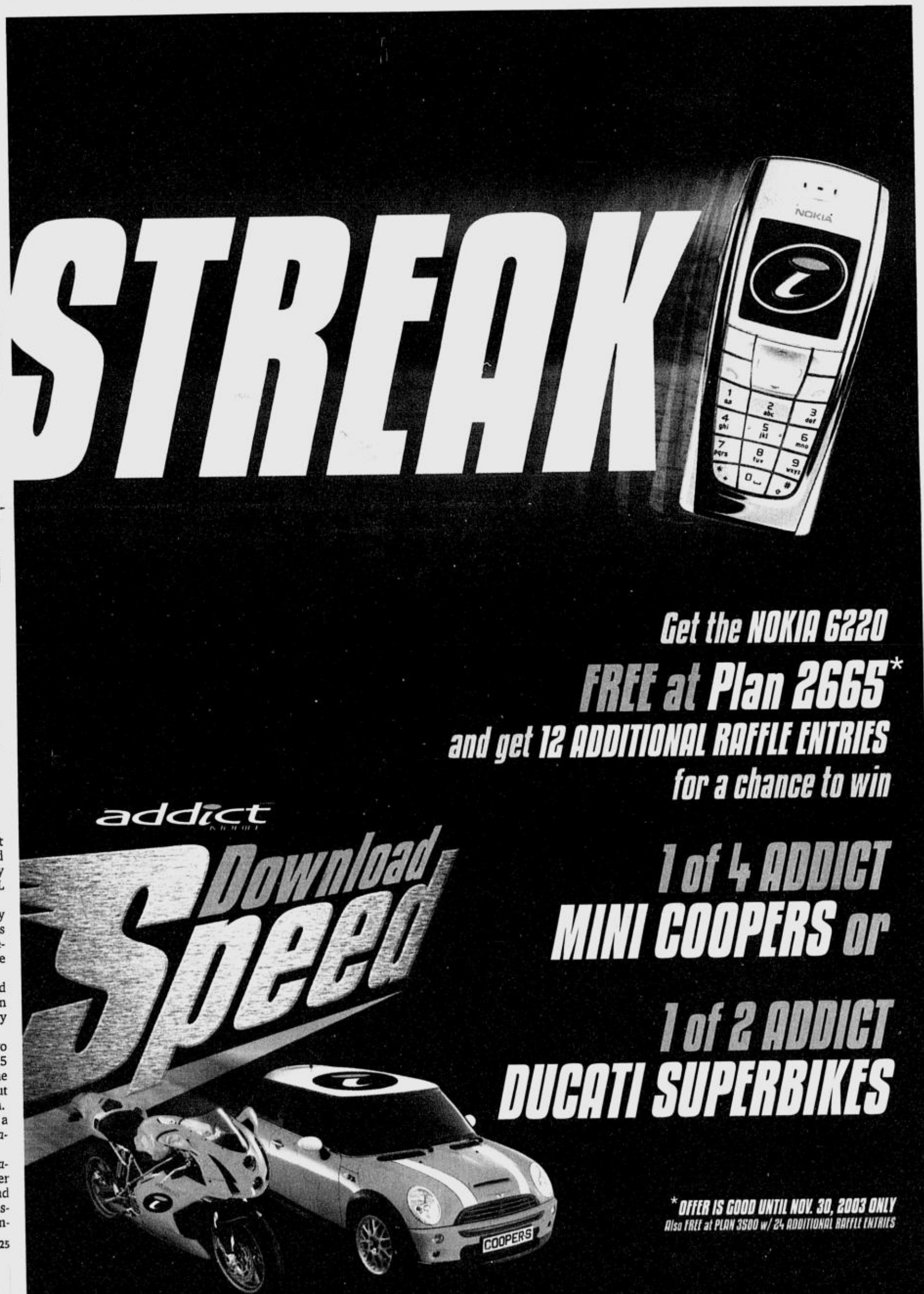
YAP/ A25

Justine regains No. 1 ranking

LOS ANGELES—Showing no obvious signs of ailing health, Justine Henin-Hardenne regained the No. 1 ranking with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Jennifer Capriati in the WTA Championships.

Henin-Hardenne also guaranteed herself a spot in the semifinals of the season-ending championships. The Belgian has a 2-0 record in round-robin play and has dropped just one set in the Black group.

Defending champion Kim Clijsters of Belgium defeated Amelie Mauresmo of France, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, to improve to 3-0 in the Red group and claim a semifinal spot. She has dropped just one set so far. *AP*



NOV. 15 FIGHT

Pacquiao feeling like Rocky

By Percy D. Della, *Correspondent*

SACRAMENTO—He is not jumping up and down stairs and beating up meat in freezers. But Manny Pacquiao must be relishing a bit of the Rocky syndrome for his Nov. 15 fight with two-time WBO junior featherweight champion Marco Antonio Barrera.

Not only is Pacquiao the underdog at 10-3 for the non-title featherweight fight dubbed "People's Championship" at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. He also enters the ring with the "house" fighter in Barrera who belongs to a stable of elite boxers with HBO contracts.

The roll of HBO fighters include Roy Jones Jr., Lennox Lewis, Floyd Mayweather, Shane Mosley, Fernando Vargas and Oscar De La Hoya—the biggest cash cow in the pay per view TV business.

HBO as in Home Box Office, the cable television giant, is televising the Pacquiao-Barrera fight promoted by De La Hoya's Golden Boy Promotions. Because it invests a lot of money to televise a fight, it is common knowledge that HBO exerts influence in deciding the venue, the protagonists, the judges, the ring announcer, the referee, ring commentators and even the system that counts punches.

PACQUIAO

Because the cable giant with earnings of $850 million on revenues of over a billion dollars spends money for its fighters, Barrera is expected to win in an impressive fashion. The inequity is not lost on Paquiao who seems to relish the role of Rocky Balboa in the series of boxing movies that starred Sylvester Stallone, a known Pacquiao fan.

Reached by boxing writers while training in Los Angeles, Pacquiao expressed enthusiasm for his tiff with Barrera and appeared to enjoy the role of the big lug like the cinematic Rocky.

"Wala nang atrasan ito, matutuloy na talaga ang laban(It's all go for this fight)," he told a visiting boxing journalist about his fight with Barrera, who has been cleared by neurologists despite a plate in his head, to face the Filipino champion.

HBO boxers appear to take the path of least resistance in advancing to the next fight for cable subscribers who pay $10 a month subscription. But in Pacquiao, the Mexico City native will have his hands full.

After two relatively easy bouts against past-their-primes Kevin Kelley and Johnny Tapia, Barrera gets back to work when he faces the solid Pacquiao. Barrera is one of the sports' elite for a very simple reason: he can do it all. Early in his career, he was a tremendous banger, willing to take one to give two with a paralyzing left hook.

Mangubat stakes title against Gabi

By Rey Danseco, *Contributor*

RANDY Mangubat has no doubt he's going back to Manila with the World Boxing Council (WBC) International flyweight belt in his waist as his challenger Diosdado Gabi struggled to make the weight limit yesterday.

The veteran Mangubat easily made the 112-lb weight limit on his first try, while Gabi was two pounds overweight after two trips to the scales during the weigh-in supervised by Games and Amusement Board (GAB) official Emmanuel Flores.

The 24-year-old challenger made it on his third try after running for more than 30 minutes around the Kidapawan City's RBM Hotel, where the participants of the "Engkuwentro" card are billeted.

Veteran referee Bruce McTavish will be the third man in the ring in tonight's Mangubat-Gabi rumble at the 10,000-seat North Cotabato Provincial Gym in Kidapawan City.

"Hindi pa rin ako magkukumpiyansa. Basta kahit anong mangyari dadalhin ko pauwi (sa Maynila) ang korona (I won't be overconfident. Whatever happens, I'll bring my title back to Manila," said Mangubat, a native of Sto. Tomas, Davao del Norte, who has made Manila his home since turning professional in 1994.

Mangubat, who is coming off a failed attempt to win the WBC flyweight crown in Thailand last June, will also stake his No. 4 ranking among flyweights in the WBC and International Boxing Federation (IBF).

Mangubat has a 31-18-11 win-loss-draw with 14 knockouts, while Gabi sports a respectable 23-2-1 slate with 19 KOs.

Reinforced q'finals on

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4 p.m.—Talk 'N Text vs Red Bull
6:30 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs Ginebra

RED Bull Barako and Coca-Cola may have landed on top of Group B but that doesn't mean a thing when the quarterfinals of the Samsung-PBA Reinforced Conference fires off today at the Araneta Coliseum.

For all their strong showing in the eliminations, the top-seeded Barakos and the Tigers still have to win two games in the quarterfinals just like all the other qualifiers to reach the semifinals.

And so, Red Bull takes on Talk 'N Text at 4 p.m. while Coca-Cola faces Barangay Ginebra at 6:30 p.m. in the opener of their separate best-of-three quarterfinal series.

The quarterfinal pairings in Group A—Sta. Lucia against Alaska and San Miguel against FedEx—are scheduled Wednesday.

The Phone Pals and Gin Kings completed the elimination round with identical 7-6 slates but the Gin Kings got rewarded with the No. 3 spot in Group B by virtue of a higher quotient. *June Navarro*

RP bets raring to go—Steve

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE ATHLETES are raring to go and need just a morale-booster from President Arroyo.

Southeast Asian Games technical commission head Steve Hontiveros declared this yesterday as he wrapped up the body's task of preparing the national delegation for the biennial Games in Vietnam on Dec. 5-12.

Hontiveros said he would request that the President herself visit the 449 athletes at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex where most of them have been training for months.

"Of course, you can't dictate on Malacañang but the athletes would surely be thrilled if the President pays them a visit," said Hontiveros, who will be the chief of mission of the RP delegation in next year's Olympics in Athens.

Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain said no date has been set for the traditional athletes' pep rally and courtesy call at the Palace.

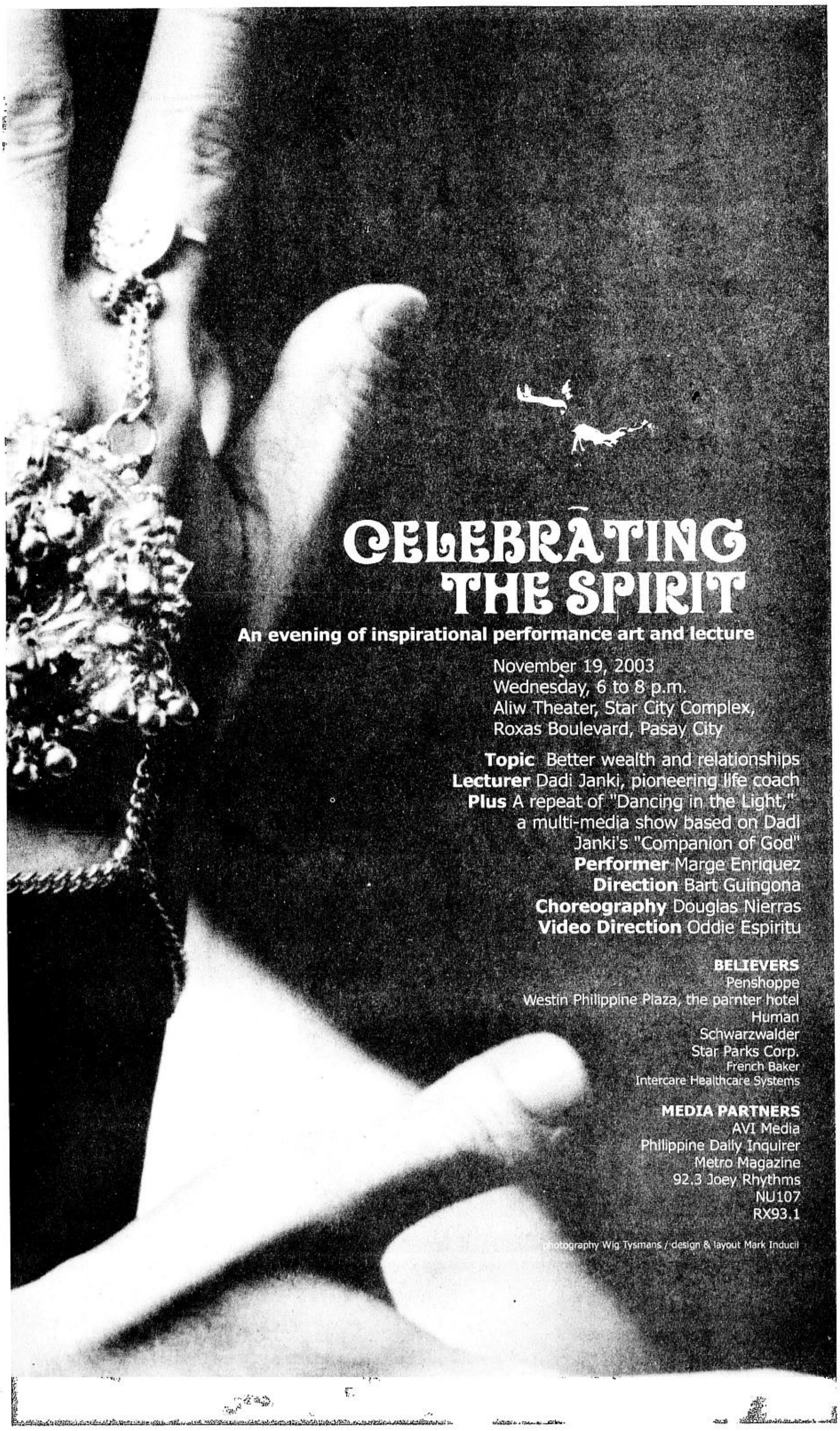
First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, whose foundation helped raised P24 million for the country's campaign in Vietnam, is also expected to accompany the athletes in the SEA Games.

Rallycross series

THE EIGHTH and ninth rounds of this year's rallycross series will be held over the weekend in Pampanga.

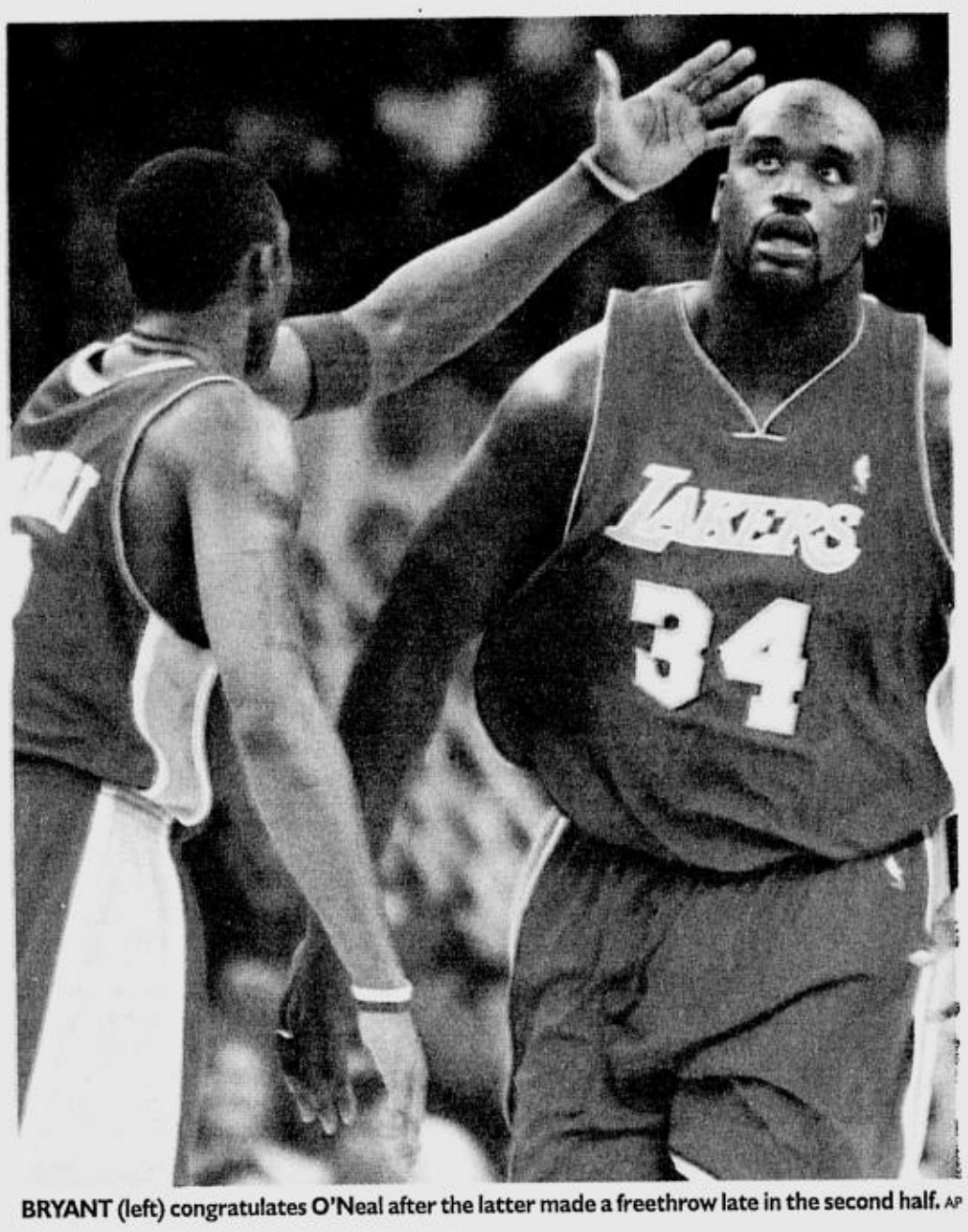
Kenneth Dominado, Alex Perez and Team Ultron driver Ivan Isada have only a one-point lead over one another, keeping a close fight for the claim of this year's national rallycross driver's trophy.

The seventh round of the Ultron Rallycross Series was held in the Forbidden City within the Clark Ecozone in Angeles, Pampanga, yesterday while the 8th leg will be held within the Expo Pilipino parking area, also in Clark Zone, today. The races start at 9 a.m.



Hornets sting Lakers

Bryant and Co. suffer 1st loss this season



BRYANT (left) congratulates O'Neal after the latter made a freethrow late in the second half. AP

NEW ORLEANS—Baron Davis was too quick and too accurate for Kobe Bryant, and the New Orleans Hornets became the first team in the NBA this season to defeat the revamped Los Angeles Lakers with a 114-95 victory.

Davis made four 3-pointers and scored 23 points with 12 assists and four steals Friday, dominating his one-on-one matchup with Bryant to such a degree that the Lakers were forced to switch other defenders onto him.

Davis got plenty of help. P.J. Brown shot 7-for-7 and scored 20 points with seven rebounds, David Wesley added 17 points and five assists and George Lynch scored 15 to pace six players in double figures.

One night after a double-overtime victory over San Antonio that lasted more than 3 1/2 hours, the Lakers didn't have the legs to keep up with the Hornets during a 28-10 third-quarter rally that turned a one-point deficit into a 17-point lead.

Shaquille O'Neal had 21 points for the Lakers, who won their first five games. Bryant added 11, shooting 4-for-14 while hearing far fewer boos than he did the previous night in San Antonio.

New Orleans improved to 5-1, matching the best six-game start in franchise history, despite playing without Jamal Mashburn.

In Washington, Toronto set records for offensive futility again, scoring just four points in the second quarter and a franchise-low 23 in the first half of an 86-60 loss to Washington.

Larry Hughes scored 16 points to pace the Wizards, who led 51-23 at halftime and took over by pushing the tempo and controlling the boards in the second quarter. Washington outscored Toronto 29-4 in the period—tying a franchise low for the Raptors.

The half of ineptitude came exactly one week after the Wizards held the Raptors to a franchise-low 27 first-half points in an 82-79 Raptors win at Toronto. The next day, the Raptors scored 24 in the second half against Minnesota and finished with a franchise-low total in a 73-56 loss.

Complete results:

Washington 86, Toronto 60; New Jersey 94, Boston 87; Indiana 91, Cleveland 90; New York 114, Sacramento 111; Detroit 105, Milwaukee 99; New Orleans 114, LA Lakers 95; Minnesota 100, Orlando 71; Phoenix 96, Memphis 88; Philadelphia 106, Chicago 85; LA Clippers 104, Denver 102 (OT); Golden State 95, Utah 89; Seattle 100, Portland 82. *AP*

Jones a reluctant light heavyweight vs Tarver

JONES

LAS VEGAS—Roy Jones Jr. really didn't want to do this, and not just because he had to stop eating for a while. Surely, he figured, there were better fights out there for a heavyweight champion who had just made history.

Evander Holyfield was his first choice, but that couldn't be worked out. Ditto with Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis.

So instead of fighting a second-tier heavyweight, Jones looked down, all the way down to the light heavyweight division he used to rule. There he found Antonio Tarver wearing his former belts, and talking just enough trash to provide some motivation.

Now he had another problem—dropping all the weight he put on to fight John Ruiz to become only the second light heavyweight champion to win the heavyweight title a few months ago.

"You're hungry, thirsty half the time. You start taking out your frustrations on everybody you come across," Jones said. "I wouldn't go down to this weight for nobody else but him. I wanted him to have the best opponent he could have so I came down for him to his weight."

That mission accomplished, Jones meets Tarver for the WBC 79-kilogram (175-pound) title Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila) in what will likely be his last fight ever as a light heavyweight.

He's not too happy about having to lose the weight—he was 87 kilograms (193 pounds) for Ruiz—but Jones is more than eager to put on a show against a fighter he believes hasn't shown him the proper respect. *AP*

Pinoy skier best Asian finisher

ACE Filipino jet ski rider Paul del Rosario of Petron-Networx Jetsports achieved another milestone as he emerged the top Asian finisher in the World Jet Ski Finals at Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Del Rosario, also backed by Stoked Inc. and Manila Cordage, wound up fourth overall in the hotly contested Expert 1200 Limited Class—his best finish ever since joining the annual world event in 1996.

He finished third overall in the slalom, clocking a best time of 20.74 seconds that even upstaged World Professional Champion Celio Vinicius of Brazil's Fly Racing and later took fourth place in the Closed course event.

It was the highest achievement by a Filipino in the said world event. Last year, Del Rosario and Carlo Baltao made it among the top ten finalists.

RP GMs triumph

FILIPINO GMs Eugene Torre, Joey Antonio and Bong Villamayor won their first round matches in the 15 de Open van Leuven international chess championships in Leuven, Belgium, Friday.

Torre defeated local bet Filip Bosmans; Antonio trounced Jonas Veryheyden with black; while Villamayor beat Bark Theys.

The fifth-ranked Torre is slated to face Albert Frank; Bangkok Open champion Antonio will face Markus Weiler; while sixth-ranked Villamayor will battle Jan Rogiers in Round 2.

NM Marlon Bernardino

Yap sizzles . . .

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er JR Reyes and Ervin Sotto.

First game:

WELCOAT 71—Yap 14, Sotto 14, Pingris 9, Tangkay 8, Wilson 7,. Artadi 4, Omolon 3, Kuan 2, Patrimonio 2, Capus 0, Santos 0.

SUNKIST-UST 60—Compton 14, Franco 12, Espiritu 10, Mendoza 8, Oreta 6, Villamin 4, Luanzon 4, De Guzman 2, Santos 0.

Quarters: 23-10, 31-32, 54-42, 71-60.

Second game:

MONTAÑA 70—Salvador 16, David 13, Manigo 10, Basco 7, Alfad 7, Guerrero 5, Mendoza 4, Coronel 2

FASH 67—Simon 17, Alvarez 10, Tan 8, Salangsang 7, Benedicto 5, Gonzales 4, Tenorio 4, Bugia 2, Dy 0.

Quarters: 17-20, 34-28, 49-53, 70-63.

SPORTSWATCH

Tour of Manila reels off today

THE FIRST ever Tour of Metro Manila kicks off at 9 a.m. today at the Marikina City Sports Park. A total of 84 riders, all veterans of last summer's Tour revival, will race on an out-and-back 114km course the race management group Philippine National Cycling Association has strategically laid out to circle Metro Manila. The event, one of three major races put up by the Tour Pilipinas Inc. and principally backed by Air21 this November, offers a total prize of P165,000. The winner of the tour also sponsored by FedEx and Mail and More and BPI-MS Caltex and Lipovitan will bring home P25,000. Arnel Quirimit, the pride of Binalonan, Pangasinan, is the favorite.

Mexico eliminates US sluggers

PANAMA CITY, Panama—The United States will not defend its Olympic Games title in Athens next year after it was eliminated 2-1 by Mexico in the Americas Olympic qualifying tournament Friday. The US team was among the favorites to win the gold medal again, and there was a chance New York Yankees ace Roger Clemens would have pitched for the Americans in Athens. The underdog Mexican team defeated Hall of Famer Frank Robinson's club in the quarterfinal game, getting a tiebreaking home run in the ninth inning from Luis A. Garcia off Brian Bruney. The United States threatened in the bottom of the ninth, getting two men on base, but reliever Isidro Marquez got the final two outs to preserve the victory. "It was a well-pitched game by their pitchers," Robinson said. "We were not able to do much until the ninth inning and it was not enough." *AP*

Roligon 5-cock derby stakes P2.2M

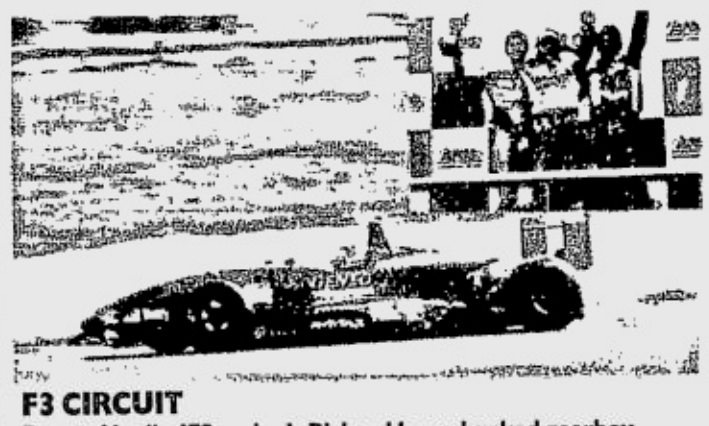
THE BIGGEST opener of the 2003-2004 cock season will happen at Roligon Mega Cockpit via the "Apordabol Na, Incredibol Pa 5-Cock Derby" on Nov. 29, Dec. 2, 4 and 6, with a whopping total pot of P2.25 million. Promoter Rolly Ligon said the entry fee is definitely affordable even for smalltime cockers: P8,800, that's why the total number of entries may reach to 300. The fastest kill champion will also get a bonus: an imported Nissan Serena now on display at Roligon lobby. All two pointers in the elimination rounds (Nov. 29, Dec. 2 and 4) while share in the P80,000 prize, while the Fastest Kill winner gets P30,000. The champion handler and gaffer will receive P150,000 and P80,000 respectively. For details, call 833-2275 and 833-1638.

Caruncho badminton meet slated

A TOTAL of 15 individual titles and one grand team title are at stake in the first Emiliano Caruncho Memorial Badminton Cup slated Nov. 22-23 at the Badminton Gold Sports Center in Pasig. The two-day event is sponsored by Mr. Quickie, Caruncho Scholarship Foundation, Goldilocks, One Mercedes branch, Mariposa Hotels and One Mercedes Plaza. Players may register until Nov. 10 at the tournament venue. Contact persons are Rene Perez (0918-9260151) and Boogie Chua (0917-5041490).

Power Smash hosts Executive Cup

THE 1ST Nesvita Badminton Tournament Executive Cup will be held on Nov. 15-16 and 22-23 at Power Smash in Pasong Tamo, Makati. Among the participants are RCBC, BPI, China Bank, Allied Bank, Good Year, McDonalds, PNB, Asia Trust Bank, Planters Bank, Caltex, Pilipinas Shell, Total, PLDT, Meralco, Insular Life, Philam Care, NBN-4, ABS-CBN, Philippine Star, PAL, Unisys, RCPI, Infocom, Union Cement and Sony Ericsson. The tournament is sponsored by Nesvita, Nature's Harvest in A Cup, Sportshouse, Accel, McDonalds Love ko 'to, MannHann, Dencio's Rockwell, Dimsum and Dumplings, PLDT, Wave 89.1 and Nestea.



F3 CIRCUIT

Denso-Hanjin-JF3 racing's Richard Joson bucked gearbox problems and still clinched 2nd spot in the Golden Port Formula 3 Circuit in Beijing, China for the 9th and 10th rounds of the Asian Formula 3 Series. Joson is now second in the Driver's Championship standings, while the team is also second in the team classification. Joson (inset, center) is shown with crew chied Joel Farcon (left) and team manager Eric Camarillo.

ROAD TO F1

Maryan Bringas (left) and James Dicken of the Macau government tourism ask questions to Formula Renault champion Enzo Pastor during the launching of the "Road to F1: Share the F1 Dream" campaign recently. Pastor has been invited to join the Macau Grand Prix. Interested sponsors may call 845-1302 or 893-3676 c/o Tom Pastor or log on to team t.e.c. pilipinas or www.f1dream.com.ph

Domeng

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

IT IS in wakes that dear friends unseen for years resurface. It happened again during the "Parangal Kay Domeng" last week at Funeraria Oro in Sampaloc, Manila.

Friends I haven't seen for ages, they were there: poets Roger Mangahas, Jesus Manuel Santiago, Fidel Rillo and Vet Vitug, poet-fictionist-novelist-essayist-professor Domingo Landicho, fictionist-novelist-professor Lilia Quindoza-Santiago, poet-fictionist-professor Roger Ordonez, fictionist-novelist Jose Rey Munsayac, fictionist Ompong Desuasido, painter Danny Dalena, Ramon Magsaysay awardee for literature Bien Lumbera, poet-essayist Tala Isla, fictionist Levy Balgos dela Cruz, poet-fictionist-professor Bayani Abadilla and national artist for literature Rio Alma. Also present was Dr. Dante Guevarra, vice president for administration of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines where Domeng had taught from 1971 till the day he died on Oct. 31. With Ave Perez Jacob, whose flame-laden tongue matches only the razor-sharp prose in his fiction and novels, was the night's master of ceremonies that also saw Recah Trinidad, the poet masquerading as INQUIRER sports columnist, deliver a poignant piece in defense of "the heroes of the written word" such as Domeng.

Elegies and eulogies enveloped the evening on behalf of the man who lived his life literally for the working class—using only but his pen. His fiction, essays and novels all championed the cause of the toiling masses.

A little favor, please, but I just need to burden you with more about my association with Domeng; he was more than a brother to me. Today being a Sunday anyways, let's be forgiving?

Domeng is Dominador B. Mirasol. He was called invariably as DB, Domeng, Ka Domeng and—courtesy of Ave Perez Jacob—Mang Domeng. "I called him Mang Domeng as both a sign of affection and respect," said Ave.

I called him Domeng. But before that, I called him Sir.

Domeng was my literature teacher in college. The first day of our class, I made sure I'd shake his hand after his lecture.

"Sir, I feel very lucky to have you as my teacher," I said to him.

"Thank you," he said. "Do you write?"

"Yes, sir, I write."

"Good," Domeng said. "Do that for the rest of your life."

We ended up drinking in that seamy bar at the *kanto* of Lepanto and Recto. Raising his first glass, Domeng said to me: "From now on, don't call me 'Sir'. Just call me 'Domeng.'"

I was stunned. Meekly, I replied: "I guess I can't do that, Sir."

Domeng said: "You need to. Otherwise, there's no point drinking with you. I can't drink with people who are not my co-equal."

At first, I found it difficult to call him Domeng. He was not only my 'Sir', he was also my idol. Only on our 11th, 12th bottle maybe of San Miguel beer, did I have the nerve to call him Domeng.

"Now you are learning," he said upon hearing me calling him Domeng. "Life is like that—a never-ending process of learning."

I would soon find myself going to his house in Moonwalk on weekends; we'd drink beer till midnight, discussing what seemed like life's mere trivialities but were, on closer scrutiny later in life, actually all gems waiting to be woven into priceless mattresses of literature.

Domeng, whose sport was walking because "I hate owning a car," was the first of the literary giants in Tagalog/Filipino literature that I had come in contact with. Before we met, my literature had been done mainly in English, the reason being that I grew up in Pangasinan. As in high school, I also became the literary editor of our college organ and, quite understandably, my section was mainly littered, at first, with poems, essays and fiction all written in English.

It was Domeng who opened my eyes to the beauty of Tagalog literature—and Tagalog writing. It was also through Domeng that I have come to meet in the flesh the established writers in Filipino of our time, among them the eminent Edgardo M. Reyes, Efren Abueg and the late Rogelio Sicat (he did the introduction of my first book that was published in 1993). They scored the first major breakthrough in Tagalog fiction with their book, "Agos sa Disyerto," the bible of Filipino literature buffs. Not for long, they all became first-name basis to me. They called me their "baby."

When my first short story in Filipino won first prize in a school-wide competition (Sol Juvida was second, and Rogelio Nicolas third), it was Domeng who was the happiest, for he didn't know I joined the contest.

"Let's have it published in the Asia-Philippines Leader," Domeng said to me.

He accompanied me to Intramuros. It was there that I first met Pete Lacaba, the poet-essayist-scriptwriter nonpareil, who was the magazine's executive editor; Pete and I would become buddies in no time. The short story came out and, was I glad it became one of the magazine's best seven stories for the year, with Ave Perez Jacob's "Ang Pagdating ni Elias Plaridel" winning top honors as did Fanny Garcia's "Sandaang Damit."

Even in death, there is art.

The gathering of literary luminaries at Oro on Nov. 3 did not only prove that Domeng was a literary hotshot. He was, more importantly, bigger than art.

How can I be his co-equal?

BIG DAY AT SANTA ANA

Philtobo-Mitra Cup championships on

DON Paolo (Medium Cool-Vice Royal): Top pick in 3YO Colts

By Edwin Villanueva

CAN Wind Blown, Midnight Lady and Don Paolo live up to their lofty billings?

That will be answered this afternoon when the eagerly awaited 4th Philtobo-Mitra Cup Championships unfold at the Santa Ana Park.

"Everything's set for the fourth running of the Philtobo-Mitra Cup futurity racing festival this Sunday," said Bienvendio "Nonoy" Niles Jr., president of the organizing Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization. "We're inviting all racing fans to watch this very special event."

Wind Blown, hot on a comeback trail, is competing in the Pioneer Insurance Classic, one of the five major championships to be disputed in the racefest honoring the late Speaker Ramon Mitra Jr., considered as the moving force behind Philtobo.

The two-time Horse of the Year is facing five other rivals in the 2,050-meter highlight race of the day which will also showcase the 2-Year-Old Colts, 2-Year-Old Fillies, 3-Year-Old Colts, 3-Year-Old Fillies and Tanduay Imports Open.

Niles added that all six main attractions of the racing spectacle also backed by the Philippine Racing Commission, Philippine Racing Club, Pioneer Insurance, Tanduay, PCSO, Unilever Philippines and Disconnect Trading will comprise the day's first Pick Six event which will be called the "Supertobo Pick Six" from races 4 to 9.

Midnight Lady is leading the Tanduay Imports Open cast while Don Paolo is entered in the 2-YO-Colts. Like Wind Blown, they are also forecast to be sent away as favorites.

Also tipped to perform well in their respective brackets are Flying Jordan and Last Hazm in the 2YO Colts, Concorde and Cat's Jewel in the 2YO Fillies, Success Story and Security Master in the 3YO Colts, Tatler Cover and War Hero in the 3YO Fillies and Absolute Charmer in the Tanduay Imports.

Free Wind, last year's Presidential Gold Cup champion, is predicted to pose the biggest threat to Wind Blown, Hermie Esguerra's prized galloper who made his triumphant return last Oct. 26 after a six-month layoff.

H.S. Esguerra Stable grooms Roger Toñacao (left) and Willie Delena prepare Wind Blown for his early morning workout. ROMY HOMILLADA

Members of the Mitra family, led by Rep. Abraham Mitra, are expected to grace the awarding rites along with other Philtobo stalwarts such as Antonio Lagdameo, Benedicto Katigbak, Augusto de Jesus, Francisco Cayco, Manuel Viray, Jesus Cantos, Mariano Tirona, Albert Yam, Johnny Tionloc, Michael Trillana, Jose Quiros, Eduardo Gonzalez, Ernesto Logarta Jr. and Joy Rojas.

Top officials of the Philracom, led by chairman Jaime Dilag, as well as bigwigs of PRCI, Pioneer Insurance, Tanduay and the other sponsoring firms are also expected to attend.

The field for the 4th Philtobo-Mitra Cup Championships:

2YO COLTS—Speed O War, Shock and Awe, Nothing to Declare, Flying Jordan, Don Paolo, Empire King, Batangas Force, Apex.

2YO FILLIES—Cat's Jewel, Sweet Talk, Little Girl, Concorde, I Love This Game, Formidable Ella, Cool Runnings.

3YO COLTS—Success Story, Siete de Marso, High Octane, Red Star Rising, Security Master.

IMPORTS—Ouzo, Crystal Show, Absolute Charmer, Catwalk Pia, Audrey's Savings, Midnight Girl.

3YO FILLIES—Tatler Cover, Strong Lady, War Hero, Roadshow, Crystal City.

CLASSIC—Free Wind, Hyperbid, Wind Blown, Perfect Storm, Silver Story, Lyonnais.

'Majority WHIP'

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

THIS is the day when practically all roads in Makati, foremost of which is the *hukay*-riddled, traffic-hit Pasong Tamo, lead to the Santa Ana Park.

Going to the Park from Pascua, one can never miss the big, bold tag in green "The Home of the King of Sports" in front of the main PRCI building.

So it's just appropriate that an event of kingly proportions like today's 4th running of the Philtobo-Mitra Cup Championships is held at the historic Makati race venue.

Never mind the impending traffic, it's a Sunday anyway, and every effort spent in being at Santa Ana today will surely be worth it.

The Philtobo, one of only two horseracing groups recognized by the *bayang karerista*, is presenting before us the final day of its weeklong festival being held annually in honor of its moving force, the late Speaker Ramon "Monching" Mitra Jr.

The stars of today's show are of course the gallopers seeing action in the six major championships to be contested.

Leading the way is Hermie Esguerra's Wind Blown, "The King" of RP racing, who is flexing his strides anew in the Pioneer Insurance Classic.

Then there's Paolo Mendoza's Don Paolo and Flying Jordan who are both tipped hotly to vie for first place in the 2-Year-Old Colts, while the Niles Stable's Success Story is said to be primed to take the 3-Year-Old Colts trophy.

Midnight Lady appears to be the main attraction in the Tanduay Imports, while Concorde and Cat's Jewel, along with I Love This Game, are the top contenders in the 2-Year-Old Fillies. On the other hand, comebacking Tatler Cover, War Hero and Strong Lady are whispered to be good in the 3-Year-Old Fillies.

See you all today at the Park!

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What makes us even more excited is today's "Supertobo 6" or the Pick 6 event making up the six championships in the Mitra Cup.

My Silip Boy seldom gives me his lineup but when he does, *mas lamang ang tama*. Here's his *ruta* for the S6 (*pwede niyong sundan* or make this as your *asintahan*): 2YO Colts—Don Paolo, Flying Jordan, Empire King, Last Hazm; 2YO Fillies—Concorde, Cat's Jewel, I Love This Game; 3YO Colts—Success Story, Security Master; 3YO Fillies—Tatler Cover, War Hero; Imports—Midnight Lady and Classic—Wind Blown.

As Ceferino "Howie" Basilio (he'll be a guest panelist in today's racefest) loves to say, *taya na*!

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On behalf of the WHIP (Writers of Horseracing in the Philippines), I'd like to thank the PRCI management for hosting our first general membership meeting last Wednesday night. *Maraming salamat din* to master tailor Jun Pastrana, who's taking care of our groups' *barong tagalog* for our induction on Nov. 23.

And of course, I salute veteran newsman par excellence Percy Della for congratulating us on our election as WHIP president.

Percy, who is based in California, wrote: "Kudos for your election as the majority WHIP. I hope you can turn the sport of kings into the king of sports during your term. *Mabuhay kayong lahat!*"

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We're glad to see Philracom chair Jimmy Dilag at the Philtobo-Mitra Cup drawing of lots last Monday at Ahoy There. The "Action Man" came with the equally affable commissioners Eddie Jose and Vergel Cruz.

Joining the enthusiastic crowd that day were RP horseracing big guns Hermie Esguerra, Rudy Mendoza, Bebo Quiros, Manny Viray, Tonet Lagdameo, Koko Cayco, Johnny Tionloc, Jess Cantos and Jake Maderazo. Top thoroughbred conditioners Nestor Manalang, Nick Atienza and Fred Abobo, as well as star jockey Jeff Zarate, were also there.

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AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Hurricane Doding 2. Schumacher 3. Speed King

Race 2—1. Vice Free 2. Queen of Gaia 3. Western Legend 4. I Swear

Race 3—1. San Diego Force 2. Windlass 3. Velocity

Race 4—1. Don Paolo 2. Flying Jordan 3. Shock and Awe/Nothing to declare 4. Speed O' War

Race 5—1. Concorde 2. I Love This Game 3. Cat's Jewel 4. Formidable Ella

Race 6—1. Sucess Story 2. High Octane/Siete de Marso 3. Security Master

Race 7—1. Midnight Lady 2. Absolute Charmer 3. Catwalk Pia

Race 8—1. Tatler Cover 2. War Hero 3. Strong Lady

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Race 9—1. Wind Blown 2. Free Wind 3. Hyperbid

Race 10—1. Baggirl 2. Lolita 3. Ginger Candy 4. Just Dance

Race 11—1. Adam's Call 2. Gutmoore 3. Suonos 4. Union Square

Race 12—1. Royal Catch 2. Speed Machine 3. Staunch Ally 4. Lord of All

Race 13—1. Bunker Buster/Real Tough 2. The Warrior 3. Spinning Bullet 4. Patiklm

Race 14—1. Vindicated/The Dominator 2. Earl Gray 3. Noble Regent

Race 15—1. Regal Style 2. Sun and Sea 3. Bogart 4. Propensity 5. Jay Nicole/Friendly Venture 6. Power Pack

Eagle, Alta Vista pace S. Lucia tilt

CEBU—Eagle Ridge picked up from where Palos Verdes left off, engaging host Alta Vista in a neck-and-neck fight for the team titles in an explosive opening round Thursday of the 2003 Sta. Lucia Tour here.

Eagle Ridge grabbed a two-point lead in Group II, Alta Vista teams took control of Group III and both clubs shared the top spot in Group I, setting the stage for an exciting final round duel.

The guns of Palos Verdes fell silent after making a big noise by winning two of the three divisions in the opening leg of the unique nationwide series featuring golf clubs flying the banner of real estate giant Sta. Lucia Realty Development Corp.

The best-placed Palos Verdes team was third in Group I although Robert Galicia put himself on top of Class C in the individual standings.

Co-sponsoring the 36-hole tourney are Petron, Unirock, Readycon, Gainers Marketing, Kubota, Kodak, Titleist, Footjoy, Omega and Pagcor with Marco Polo (Davao), Marriot (Cebu) and Dusit Hotel Nikko (Manila) as partner hotels, Samsung, Yamaha Golf Cars, Skygo Motorcycle as hole-in-one sponsors and Cebu Pacific as the official carrier.

Eagle Ridge 1 made up of Shinichi Ogihara, Hector Miole, Jose Nepomuceno and Benjamin del Rosario, and Alta Vista (Emir Abutazil, George Hong, Anton Florendo and Ramon Sebastian) scored 139s to lead Palos Verdes by four.

The Eagle quartet of Danilo Olanosa, Mein Apuya, Sergio Lim and Al Pedersen, meanwhile, were all alone at the top in Group II after amassing 118 points.

Charles in charge

HOWELL watches his tee shot on the 18th hole. AP

HOUSTON, Texas—Two great holes put Charles Howell III into the lead Friday halfway through the Tour Championship.

Howell holed a 10-foot eagle putt on No. 13 and followed that with a 10-foot birdie putt to break away from the pack with another 4-under 67, making it the second straight year he has taken a one-stroke lead into the weekend of the PGA Tour's final event.

Eight players were tied for the lead at one point on a cool, overcast day at Champions Golf Club. Howell needed only two holes to separate himself from the others—and leave Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh even further behind.

Howell was at 8-under 134 and will play in the final group Saturday with 46-year-old Fred Funk (67), who appears to be rounding into form with the Presidents Cup looming.

Retief Goosen, coming off a victory last week at Innisbrook, shot 67 and was another stroke back at 136.

Woods, needing a victory for any chance of winning the PGA Tour money title, didn't make as many mistakes as he did in the first round. Then again, he didn't make any putts.

Woods finished with another 70 and was at 140, six strokes behind.

Annika ahead by 6

In Otsu, Japan, Annika Sorenstam fired her second straight 9-under-par 63 on Saturday to take a commanding six-stroke lead at the Mizuno Classic, which she is trying to win for the third straight year.

The Swede is attempting to become the first player in LPGA Tour history with three consecutive victories in more than one event. *AP*

Derby champs joining nat'l meet at Araneta

ALL of the 2003 stag derby champions in the recent Ucap and NCA stagfests are seeing action in Araneta Coliseum's "Grand National 8-Stag Championship Derby" which is slated tomorrow, Wednesday and Friday.

According to National Cockers Association top guns Rep. Rudy Albano, Eddie Araneta and Gov. Ito Ynares, this derby is being compared to an international event because of the top quality fights to be staged and the star-studded list of participants.

The recent Ucap and NCA stag derby champions include former ambassador Danding Cojuangco and Jake and Butch Macasaet, hotelier Biboy Enriquez, Gerry Ramos of Las Piñas, Gov. Ito Ynares, sabong idol Patrick Antonio, Boy Royo of Rizal, Ucap president Raymond Velayo, Jet and Joel Fernando of Pampanga, Mayor Nene Aguilar and Rep. Rudy Albano. For other details, contact 911-3101 and 911-2928.

Miñoza brothers to defend Ubix-Riviera crown

THE FAMOUS Raul and Paul Miñoza brothers will defend their crown in the Ubix-Riviera National Pro-Am on Nov. 18-22 at the Langer course of the Riviera Golf & Country Club in Silang, Cavite.

The assurance elated to no end chief sponsor Bert Bravo, the U-Bix top honcho who is bankrolling the unique tournament to the tune of P1.2 million in cash prizes, plus golf equipment and the like.

Raul and Paul Miñoza dethroned champions Noli Kempis and Erwin Vinluan last year at Couples in the event that will again stake two Toyota cars through Toyota president Nobuharo Tabata for the Celebrity Pro-Am on Nov. 18 and tournament proper on Nov. 19-22.

BRAVO

"Everything is falling into place," said Commodore Danny Pizarro (ret.), the Riviera president. "While the course is being readied to perfection, the cast is almost filled. This early, I wish to extend my gratitude to Mr. Bravo for his invaluable financial help in staging the event for the third straight year."

The tournament, founded in 1956 at the now-demolished Ft. Bonifacio course, is one-ball, two-some wherein the pro and his amateur partner hit the ball alternately.

"One reason I like this tournament is, it encourages teamwork," said Bravo, whose support for golf goes back to a decade or so that includes bankrolling the Philippine Open in 1997 in tandem with the National Golf Association of the Philippines. "Everything that puts premium to teamwork is an endeavor that is bound to succeed."

About 50 teams have entered in the series that has the active participation of the Professional Golfers Association of the Philippines through its head, Jun Bustamante.

Among the early notable entries include Gerard Cantada and JR Tanpinco, Marlon Dizon and Bones Floro, Jun Cedo and Juami Rocha, Juanito and Juvic Pagunsan, Rey Pagunsan and Rico Javier, Rodrigo Cuello and Rudy Amata, Richard Sinfuego and Bobby Iñigo, and Roger Cabajar and Fredivic Baligasa.

Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita, the NGAP honorary chair, and NGAP president Rod Feliciano will hit the ceremonial ball together with Bravo in the event that has Riso digital photocopiers, Caffe Appassionato, Pivo Praha, Grappa's, S-Yard, Konica, Okamura office furniture and Toyota Motor Philippines among the major backers.

Young karters picked

YOUNG karters try to outdo each other for the various titles at stake today in the championship round of the 2003 Shell Karting Super Series at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

Blake Go of Team Cebu-Demvels will have his hands full against three strong contenders for the KT Light crown of this series sanctioned by the Philippine International Karting Association (Pika) and sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Bridgestone, Nokia, Denso and Eastway Racing.

Go leads the said class with 284 points but faces tough challenge against tough rivals Ivan Carapiet of Edgesports, Ken Monzones of Kam Tech Racing and Maico Angeles.

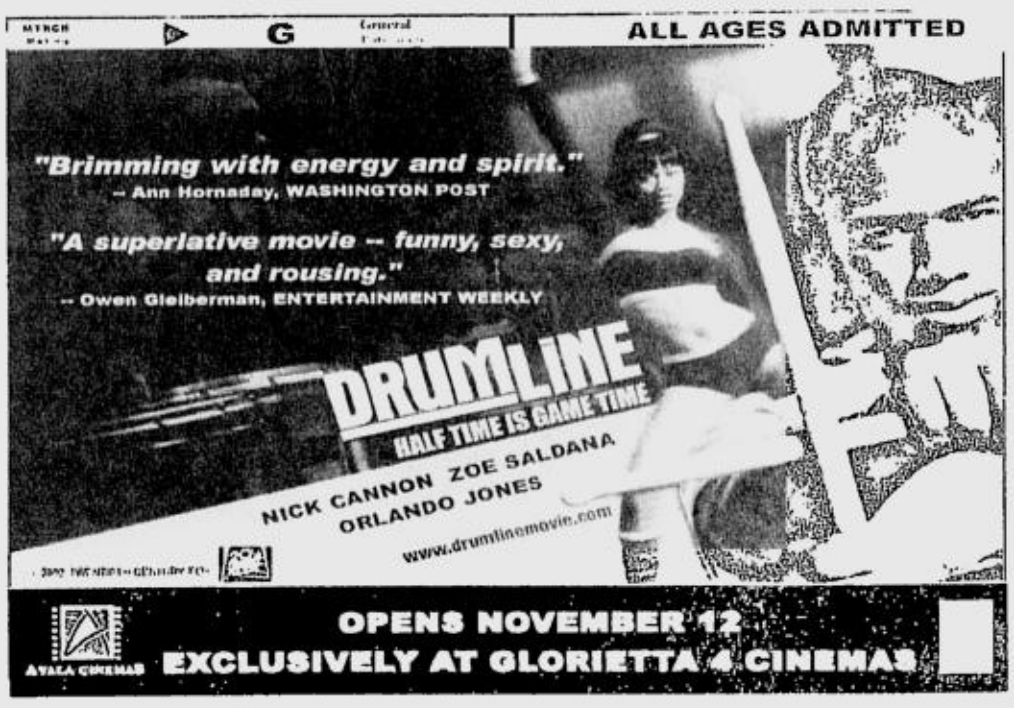
Carapiet, following his big win in the last leg, moved up second overall with 267 points–pushing Monzones and Angeles down to third and fourth with 226 and 216 points respectively.

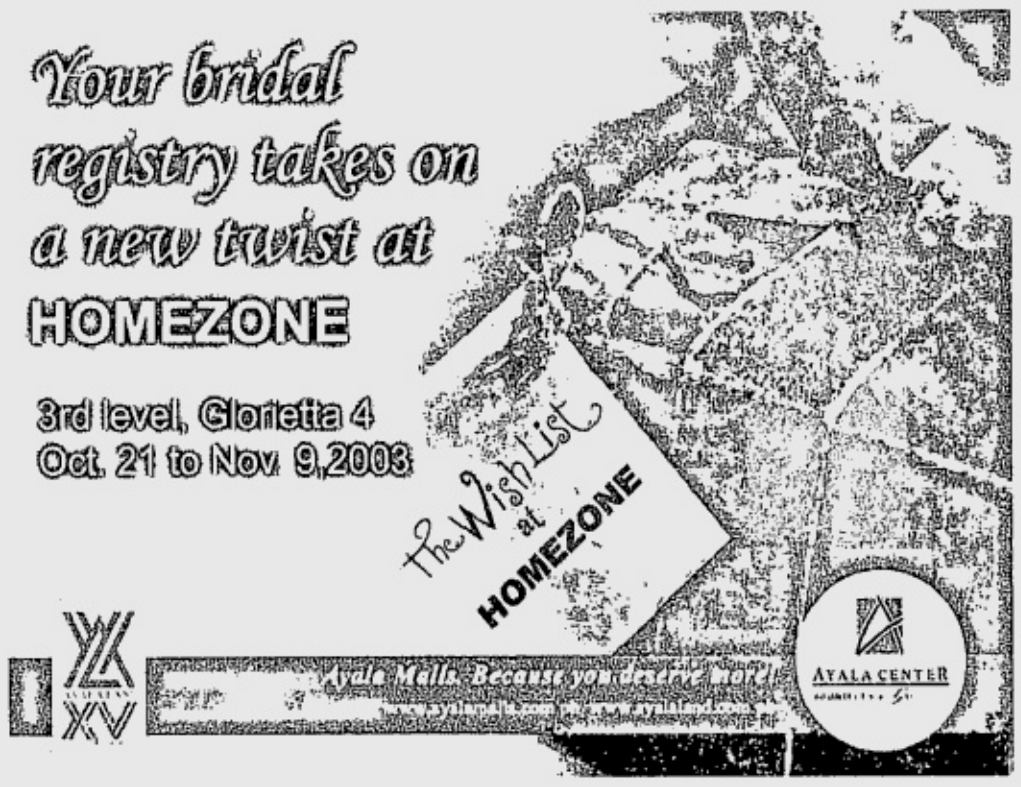
Tuason Cup set

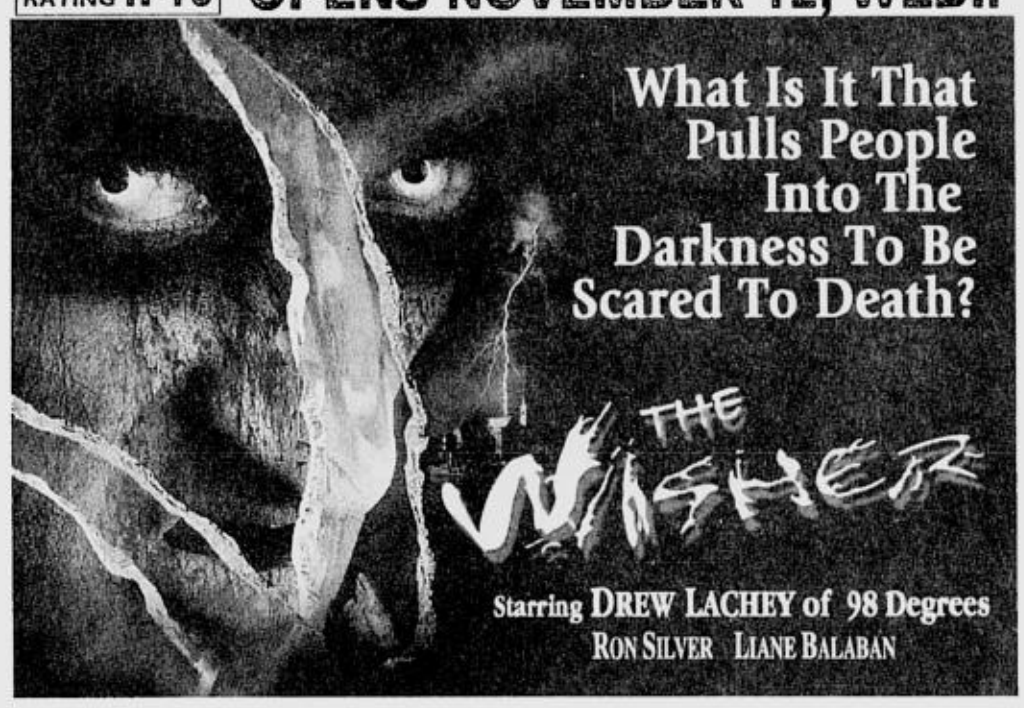
MORE than 60 of the country's finest karters converge anew to pay tribute to a racing legend in the 4th Arthur Tuason Memorial Cup set Nov. 16 at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

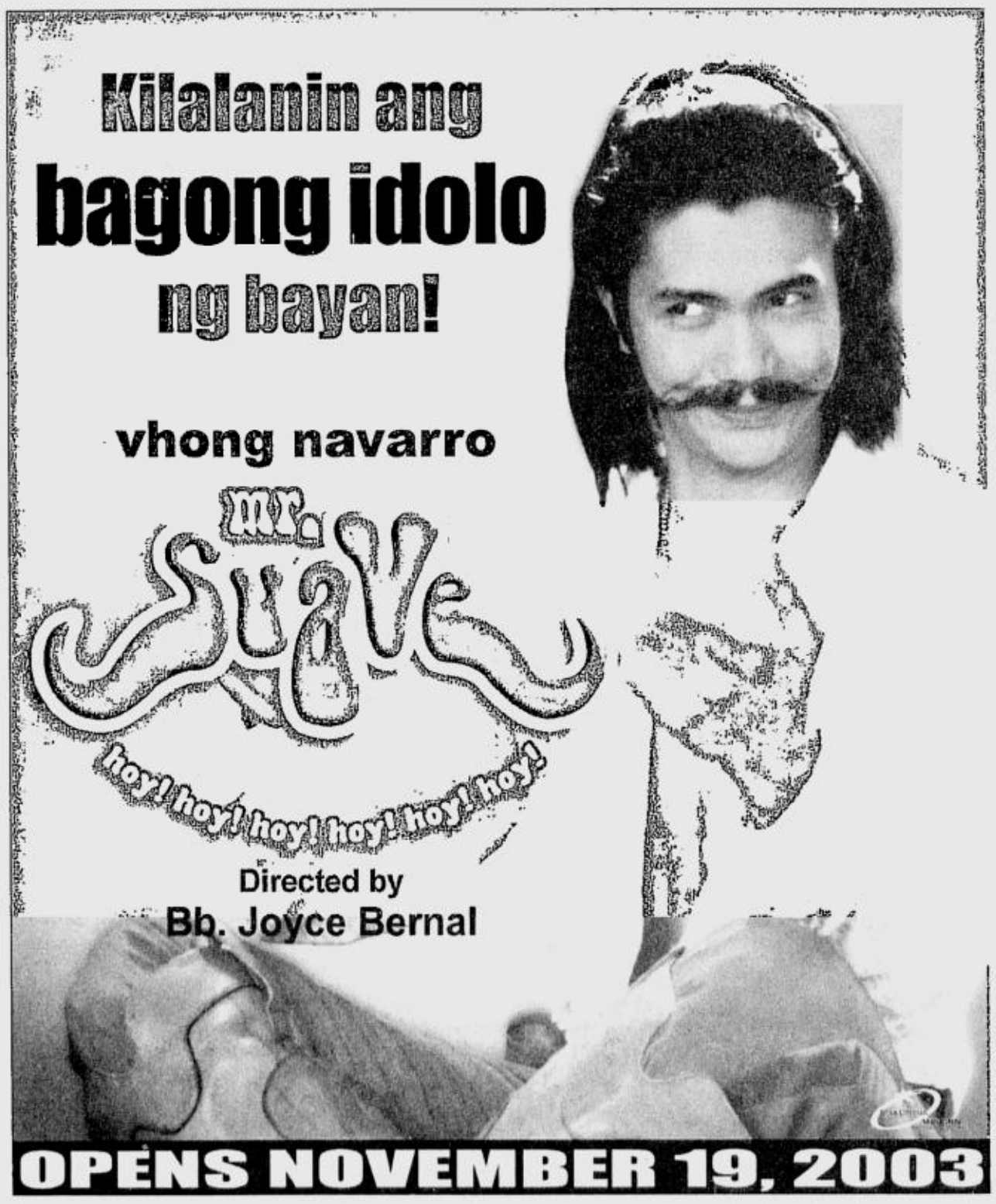
Prize money and trophies are at stake as participants will be competing in the KT Novice and Expert division.

Interested parties may call up the Tuason Racing Project at 531-2962 or may visit its website at www.tuasonracing.com for further details.









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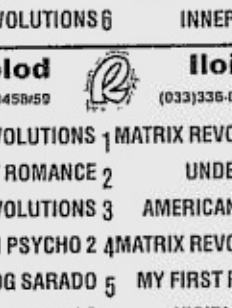

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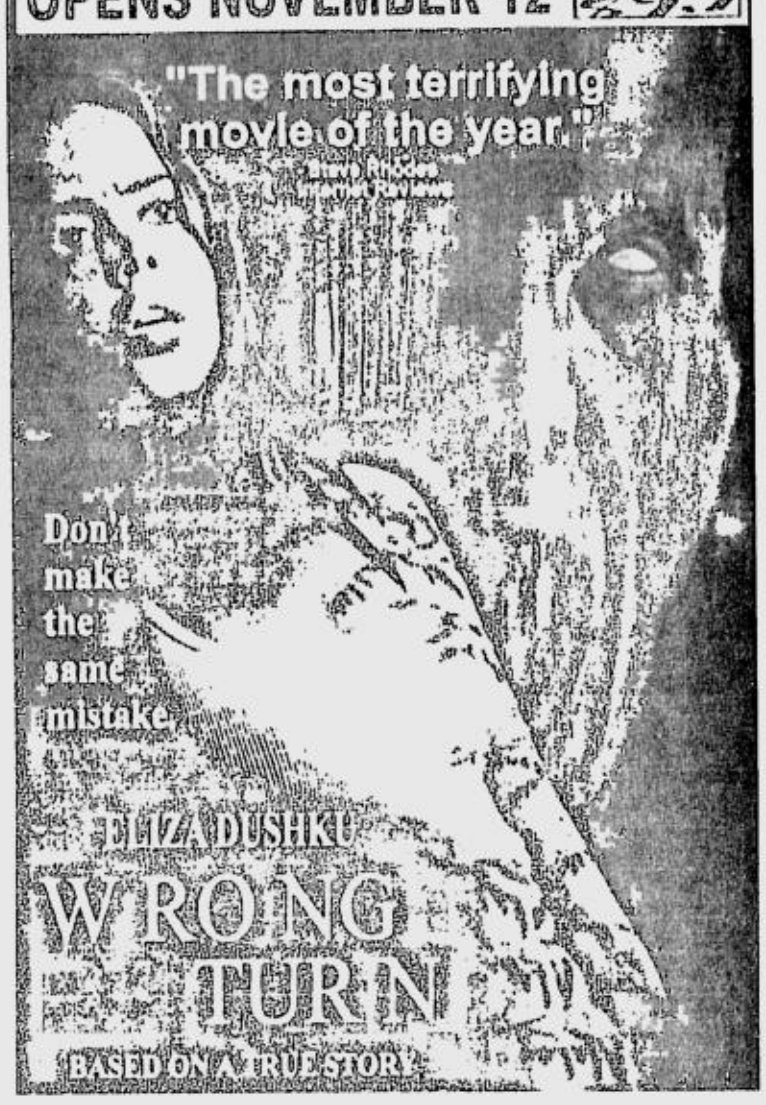

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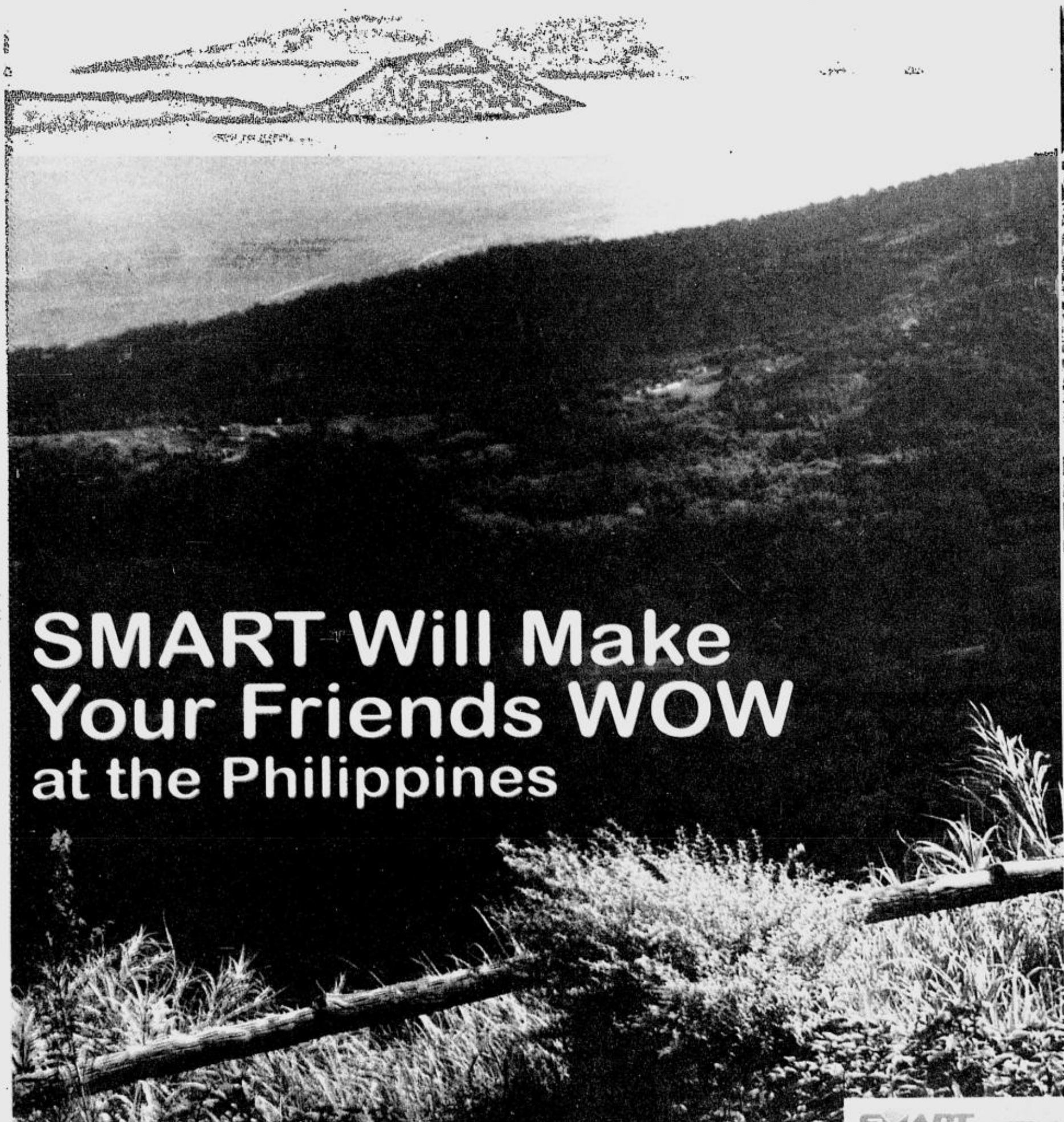

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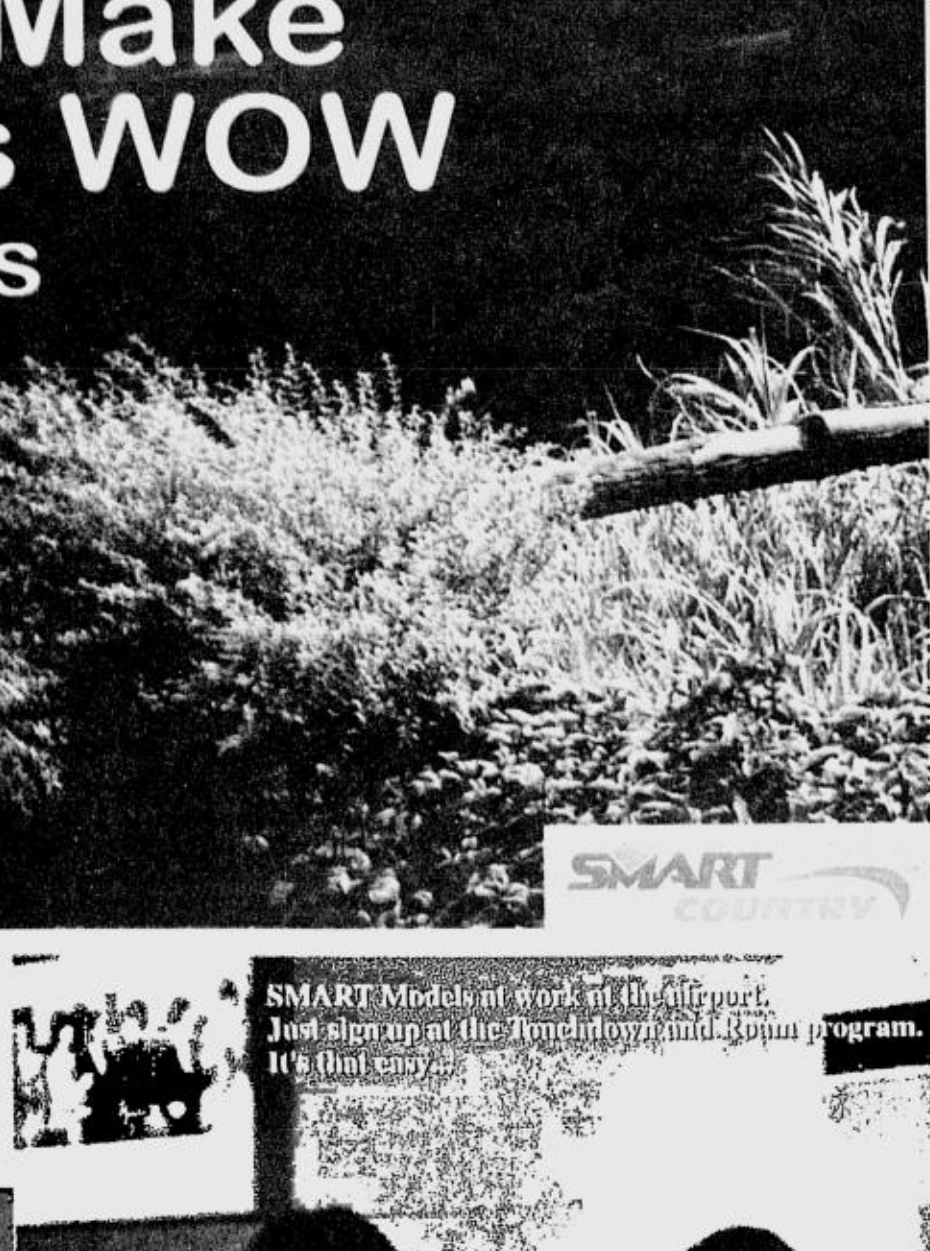

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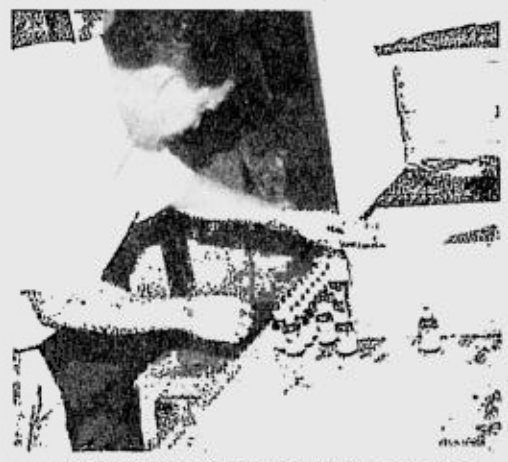
'Once a small player plays defense, the game is over'

By Margie Quimpo-Espino



THE "PRIMITIVE" manufacturing process used by Splash in its early years.

ROLANDO B. Hortaleza spent nearly 10 years studying a profession he never practiced. He never worked for anyone but himself. And his first job, aimed simply at "augmenting the family income", became his source of bread and butter.

When Hortaleza, a doctor, and his wife, Rosalinda Ang , also a physician, got married nearly 20 years ago, they decided to set up a backyard operation to make beauty products.

"Just to augment the family income," says Hortaleza. "Medicine is glamorous but does not pay well."

For capital, they used the P12,000 from their wedding gifts.

The plan was to just start them off with some financial stability and then practice medicine. But treating people never came. Hortaleza and his wife got stuck with an activity, that in a way, also involves caring for people.

Quick growth

During his talk at the 2nd Management Association of the Philippines International CEO Conference Hortaleza, chair and CEO of Splash Corp. says their P12,000 in 1985 grew to P100,000 in one year; P1 million by the second year. In 1996, Splash's sales reached the P1 billion mark; in 1998, this doubled. Last year sales totaled P3 billion and this year the projected earnings is P4 billion.

Applause greeted Hortaleza's summary of income, for the story of Splash is truly one for the books. The audience he was speaking to was made up of CEOs of some of the largest companies in the Philippines. And many were in awe of the story of a Filipino, whose competitors in his home market are all multinationals.

At the end of his talk several people approached him just to tell them they admire him, or wanted to sell their products or services. It was a far cry from his early years when nobody wanted to carry their products.

Ironically it was this rejection by the big retail outlets that actually led to the success of Splash.

Hortaleza's father started a chain of beauty

HORTALEZA

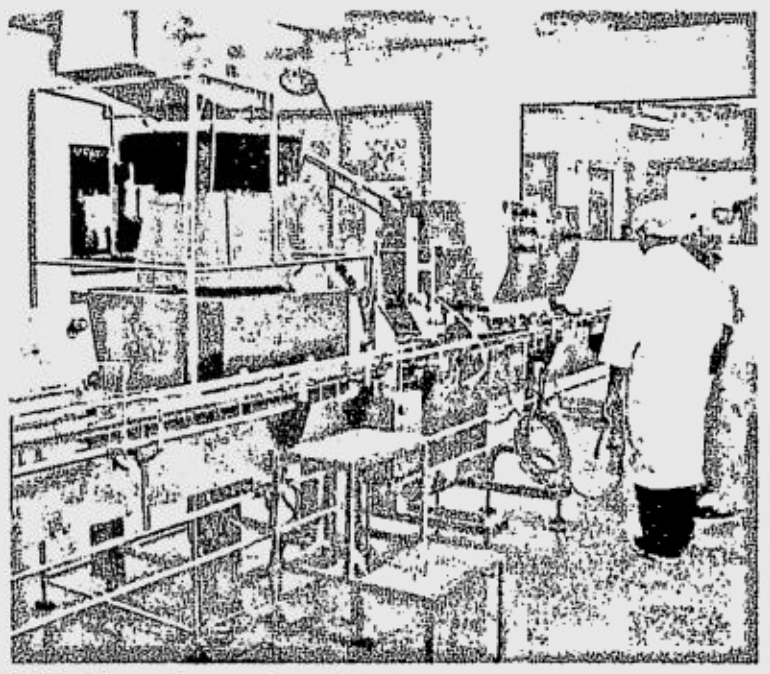
shops called Hortaleza Vaciador which sold supplies for small salons—nail polish, acetone, cuticle remover, shampoo, perm lotion, scissor, nippers, combs, brushes, etc.

Hortaleza used data from the chain of stores to determine which items were in demand and these were what he focused on. Initially these were acetone, cuticle removers and cold wave lotions for the hair.

Shortlived success

Although he was doing well in selling the beauty items, Hortaleza and his wife were not satisfied. They looked for "chinks" in their competitors' armor.

They soon found one and in 1989, they



ONE of the modern equipment the firm uses now.

came up with Extract—the first facial cleanser to use herbal extracts. In no time, they became the number 2 best-selling astringent.

But success was shortlived. "Soon competition followed our lead. And price is the sole base of the competition. It was back to the drawing board."

Hortaleza says they noted that there was a decline in the use of ordinary facial cleansers. But there was a demand for a product that will control pimples.

In 1991, they came out with a winner that took the market five years to notice. Between 1991 and 1996, Extraderm, an exfoliant, slowly ate up the facial cleanser market. But during this period, it was "non-existent as far as market research data was concerned" recalls Hortaleza.

It was only in 1996 when AC-Nielsen "discovered" Extraderm and by this time, Hortaleza says, they were already the dominant force in the market.

"We used the time (1991-1996) to build the foundation for growth. When demand exploded we took the market by storm," he says.

The secret to their anonymity was their distribution outlets. Being small and unknown, major supermarkets were not really interested in their products. So they distributed Extraderm in tertiary outlets that included sari-sari stores and small drugstores.

Under the Extraderm line, they created the whitening line which boomed in the '90s.

Between 1994 and 1999, he said Splash's growth was 74 percent on a compounded basis.

Sold abroad

Splash products are in 15 countries today with the foreign market contributing 15 percent to its annual revenue. The market abroad was actually started by overseas Filipino workers who would bring Splash products to their new homes.

This prompted Splash to eventually look at foreign shores and create marketing and distribution outlets.

When they started, they had three employees—Hortaleza, his wife and their houseboy. Hortaleza says they wanted to hire people but nobody wanted to join them then because they were small.

Today Splash has 280 employees, has a plant in Valenzuela, a corporate office, four offices abroad and is one of the few Filipino companies which has a research institute. They have also adopted technology to improve inventory management thereby increasing margins.

Hortaleza says "our smallness gave us the agility and the speed" to create new products and serve the market.

He says Splash used out-of-the-box thinking. "We can live with our giant competitors because they challenge us to improve and grow. Once a small player plays defense the game is over. We played offense but did not take our competition head on."

The name Splash was chosen because it conveys the idea of how the company was formed.

The company's logo is a fresh, green leaf with a droplet of water about to fall on it.

"Our idea of a business organization is one that simulates leaf and water. It should be dynamic. It must be flexible and attuned to the changing times. It must not stand still nor be passive. It should continually search for progress and improvements. It must regenerate and reinvent itself," he says.

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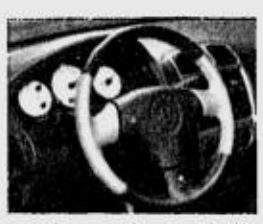

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(FROM left) Ernest Fritz Server, director of RFM, with RFM chair Guillermo Luchangco and wife Ma. Lourdes.

Food firm gets new tagline: "We love kids"

RFM president and CEO Joey A. Concepcion III

LISTED food giant RFM Corp. recently celebrated its 45th anniversary as a fully-reloaded branded-food enterprise, with a renewed sense of purpose aptly captured in its new tagline, RFM: We love Kids.

Founded in 1958 as the Philippines' first flour milling company, RFM has evolved through the years from a commodity-based and agri-business producer to a huge industrial conglomerate involved in everything from food to property, electronics, banking and other businesses.

In the wake of the Asian crisis in 1997, RFM has had to dispose of some of its varied businesses to strengthen its financial position, including eventually the sale of its highly-popular softdrinks subsidiary, Cosmos Bottling Corp.

In the process, RFM has focused its efforts to consolidate its standing as one of the country's respected experts in the manufacturing and marketing of fast-moving branded and food and beverage products.

Today RFM stands strongly with an array of powerful brands for the consumer market: White King hotcakes, rice-based mixes and sauces; Fiesta Pasta, Sunkist ready-to-drink and powdered juice drinks, Aqua Blue mineral water, Selecta Moo milk drinks, Selecta ice cream, Swift Mighty Meaty and Sweet N Juicy hotdogs, Swift Juicy corned beef and many more.

In all its enterprise-rebuilding efforts, RFM has rediscovered the basic theme that has run through many years of developing products for the Filipino consumer: its concern for the well-being of children. RFM has not only been making food and beverage products that children enjoy, or sponsoring youth-oriented sports events and social development programs. RFM has been building upon a core Filipino value: it is in our nature to love our kids.

As conceptualized by RFM president and CEO Joey Concepcion, the RFM theme is now "RFM: We love kids."

He explained that "for a long time, our tagline was 'RFM: Raising the Quality of Food for the Filipino.' It's a good commitment, but I had always been looking for something with a more personal and meaningful connection. Thinking about what RFM has really been doing for people led me to see that its real focus has really been on kids—what they need, what they want, what they enjoy."

Being a family man himself with four children, Joey Concepcion centered on the basic idea that love is a commitment to always try to do one's best.

"At RFM, 'We love kids' is first of all, a commitment to quality in all the products we make available. It is also a commitment to innovate our products in ways that will make children healthier and happier. Even in our ads, we feature only those who can serve as good role models for kids," he said.

RFM's commitments outside the business has also tended towards the well-being and development of children. The company continues to be the major proponent in the annual search for the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP) as well as the outreach programs of the Laura Vicuna Foundation for Street Children. In sports, RFM is well known for its support of basketball clinics and other training programs for children.

"As parents, as mothers and fathers, we would never give our kids something that may be bad for them. We will always try to give them the best that we can, whatever our station in life," Concepcion explained.

(FROM left) RFM VP Ramon Lopez, Jojo Guinto, commercial director of Tetrapak and Philip V. Prieto, AVP for corporate purchasing.

HERBERTY Sy, VP marketing of Supervalue Inc.

UNILEVER chair Howard Belton

(FROM left) Peachy Concepcion, Michelle Concepcion-Reyes with son Miguel and husband Eric (behind), Gary Valenciano and Angeli Pangilinan, Marissa Concepcion and Marivic A. Concepcion.

Change accounting rules to match new ball game

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

Executive Read
"Rethinking the Rules of Financial Accounting"
By Robert N. Anthony
McGraw Hill, 2004

YOU walk down the streets of the country's financial district, Ayala Avenue, and you would note impressive high rise buildings. The same is true when—immobilized by the intractable traffic rerouting within the Ortigas Center—you are awed by rows and rows of edifices challenging the heights.

And you wonder: Are the companies which own or have naming rights to these buildings really viable. But, you quickly remember an old adage not to "judge the book by its cover" (or a recent one from the sister of a lovelorn mayor: "Do not judge my brother, he is not a book").

So, speaking of buildings, don't judge a company by its façade or its giant signboard. After all, there is always "a small company with a big sign" in every square meter of Ayala, Ortigas, Alabang and Filinvest business districts.

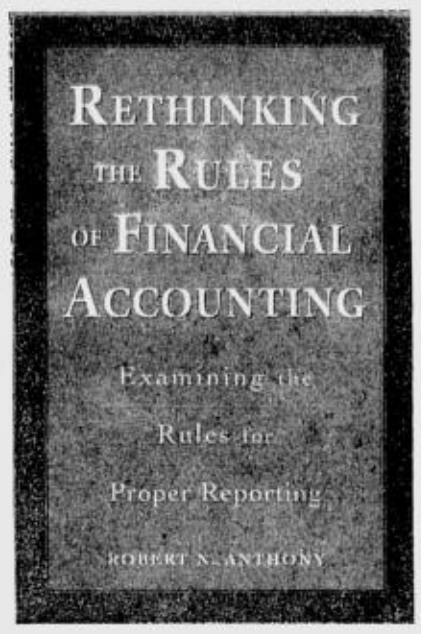
EXECUTIVE READ

So, if facades won't do it, how do you know the company you are talking to or investing in is well worth its image? Thank God, there are accountants who make sure you can see the innards of the company—with its balance sheet of assets, liabilities and equity. In the past, we could truly say we trust the financial statement as a sacrosanct document, its integrity beyond question. And, so we always said: "Look at the figures."

And yet after the debacle of Enron (which initially impressed me when top Enron executives Ken Lay and Rebecca Mark flew into town by private jet some years ago) and after the wholesale accounting fraud by WorldCom, the sacred balance sheet has fallen out of grace. Not only that. With the advent of companies whose assets are not, strictly speaking, "physical," how can one now reduce these assets to pesos and centavos?

Thus, you have "creative accounting" on one side where you need new investigative tools to spot any shenanigan, and you have hi-tech firms whose assets while purely intangible are inestimably valuable. This backdrop encouraged accounting guru Robert Anthony to write the book, "Rethinking the Rules of Financial Accounting."

Anthony lays his premises well, drawing from the rigors of sciences.



He points out: "Most disciplines—physics, chemistry, economics, medicine, engineering and mathematics—have a conceptual framework for reporting measurements and a set of rules consistent with that framework. Those frameworks and rules have to be examined from time to time as the world changes. Inconsistencies in the rules creep in over time, and the rules do not incorporate new measurement techniques."

This book is meant for accountants, with technical terms that may be abstruse to the layperson. But, if you are an executive, who went through Accounting for Non-Accountants or have gone through the rigors of MBA training, the fundamental issues raised by the book yield to some, if not easy, understanding.

Thus Anthony begins with a basic truth, "Accounting rules are rules for measurement"—and proceeds to define measurement as 'the process of associating numbers with physical quantities and phenomena.' Financial accounting rules measure 'physical quantities' in three categories—assets, liabilities and equity—at one moment in time."

Arriving at a company's net worth or true value is the crux of the problem confronted by the author. And yet, at the end of every chapter or section, he wrestles with the same old question: How do you reduce to numbers the operating performance of the company—and then how do you "photograph" its financial condition in a balance sheet?

The author begins with the first hurdle: terminology. He points out that even the Federal Accounting Advisory Board of the US showed in a 1998 study that companies have two names for the same item. "Operating income" was used 356 times and "operating profit" was used 146 times.

He moves on to discuss the "Financial Position Statement." After he volunteers a historical tidbit that the balance sheet has already been used for 500 years, he makes a shocking statement: The balance sheet "does not report an entity's financial position."

He explains: "The asset side does not, and cannot, report all the resources that an entity owns or controls." He cites as examples the value of brands, new products, and the quality of a firm's management. He also notes the increasing importance of these "intangibles" as knowledge-based assets.

An interesting "did-you-know" info tip is in this book. Accounting's "dual aspect concept," according to Anthony, was first used in Italy in the early 15th century by Luca Pacioli's Summa (1494) who stated that accounting should measure two equal aspects of every transaction. He labeled one aspect "debit" and the other "credit." It was widely used by companies sending a fleet of ships at the end of the voyage.

In more chapters covering statements on income and cash flow, Anthony argues for the use of the same terminology, no-nonsense recognition of income, and takes to task many creative financial maneuvers of companies which "window dress" their financial statements or are "dressing up the bride" prior to a sale.

He also draws similar and different problems confronting accounting rules for non-profit firms and government institutions.

From talking about rethinking the rules, the author also takes up ethical behavior among auditors and accountants. He says: "If professionals steal money, lie, produce an inferior product, or commit other sins, their conduct is illegal and they can be punished in the courts." However, some conduct may be legal, but it can be unethical, he points out.

Doubtless, financial accounting is a serious matter. An executive can be thrown to jail for accounting fraud. Or, on the basis of an auditor's report, a Chief Justice may be impeached. The author has a word for auditors: They must exercise "due diligence." And that simply means: They must do enough work with the satisfaction that their financial statements report what they are supposed to report.

But, first of all, change the rules, because the 21st century corporate world is an entirely different ball game. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

Feting partners and promising a 'perfect picture'

SAMSUNG Electronics Philippines Corp. (Sepco) feted its local retail partners to a preview of its latest and most advanced digital products to hit local shores via the "DigitAll Partners Roadshow." The event's highlight was the introduction of Samsung's Digital Natural Image engine (DNIe), a proprietary technology that promises to deliver "perfect picture."

Sepco president and CEO Sang Youl Eom led the unveiling with key officials from the Samsung Headquarters in Korea including general manager for product planning Augustine Lim, regional product manager Maurice Lim and general manager for CRT TV product marketing Ahn Jun Ho. Among the Sepco officials present were vice-president for sales and marketing of consumer electronics Dong Ha Jang, senior manager for marketing Jerry Lacson and advertising and promo manager Angie Limbaco.

Samsung's "DigitAll Partners Roadshow" is part of a worldwide campaign to showcase DNIe technology to key markets in the United States, Europe and Asia. DNIe is a set of four advanced image processing technologies that makes digital TVs, including various types of displays such as LCD, PDP, projection and CRT, produce the clearest, most detailed and yet most natural-looking images ever. The four technologies used by DNIe are motion optimizer, contrast enhancer, detail enhancer and color optimizer.

Eom said that DNIe is a significant development for Samsung's display business. DNIe is installed in all Samsung plasma display TVs, LCD projection TVs and selected models of LCD TVs. The 50-inch ST50L2H2X and the 61 inch ST61L2HXX are currently available in the local market as well as five other models of LCD TVs. Other models are expected to be shipped by yearend.

To make the digital experience more exciting, Samsung also presented its latest innovation in digital video technology, the Hypervision DVD player. Hypervision is the world's first DVD player to produce high-definition picture quality. To view the enhanced picture quality, digital video input is necessary which is available on all plasma displays as well as Samsung LCD projection TVs and some models of LCD TVs. Eom noted that Samsung developed complementary innovations to show how two products work together for one solution. "We are confident that Filipino consumers will find the best picture quality at competitive prices in Samsung products. On top of that, we offer the market a complete digital package that enhances the home entertainment experience," he said.

SAMSUNG VP for sales and Marketing Consumer Electronics Dong Ha Jang.

SANG Youl Eom, CEO of Samsung.

BILLY Ang of Golden Bell and Jerry Cuarry of Samsung.

Samsung ad and promo manager Angie Limbaco and assistant manager Ed Passion.

Firm invites businessmen to invest in goods licensing

VENTURING into the merchandising business is ideal for Filipino entrepreneurs because its market is deemed timeless. The influx of the anime TV series in the Philippines shows healthy signs for making kiddie merchandise. In the US for instance, American kids live in a highly "animated" world which make them the lifeblood of manufacturers and distributors of character inspired collectibles and novelty items.

"American kids, when they wake up in the morning, have a complete line of what the 'licensing world' offers, from sheets, pillows to pajamas. When they have their breakfast, there are cartoon character-inspired items on the table," said Sherwin Abuel of Creative Products Corp., a local licensing agent.

Creative Products Corporation, the local licensing agent for Hong-Kong based Animation International and TOEI, markets in the country some of the biggest Japanese characters like brothers Jet and Joey Seiba of the Lets & Go!! TAMIYA M4WD Car Racing.

Also for Dragon Ball Z, Doraemon, Crayon Shin Chan and Cyborg Kurochan.

Creative Products Corporation not only distributes anime shows, they also handle Chinovelas like The Amazing Twins and Secretly In Love.

Abuel believes that Let's & Go!! TAMIYA M4WD Car Racing, which is about the M4WD car racing adventures of Jet and Joey, is a very strong and promising property. He anticipates Let's & Go!! TAMIYA M4WD Car Racing novelty items to enjoy immense popularity next year since races will hit the limelight starting the first quarter of 2004.

While US and Europe bank on western heroes and heroines the East is getting its hands full on the popularity of anime programs "As long as there are kids, there will always be anime," added Abuel.

A local licensing agent grants product license for manufacturers to use in their product line the characters and trademark logos of a certain anime program. Prodcuts for product licensing includes apparels, school items and personal belongings like watches, slippers and shoes.

For promotional licensing, ideal businesses which can get into it include food manufacturers of cup noodles, ice cream, fast food chains, chips, sodas. Also for printers, clocks and other grocery items. Promotional licensing usually involves gimmicks from producers of consumer products like free stickers and collectible issues for the duration of the contract. For product licensing, the promotion lies in the characters which are imprinted on things we usually wear or use everyday. Manufacturers pay the licensing agent royalty fee for the use of registered characters.

The same procedure applies to promotional licensing, or the use of consumer products to promote the program via product promos.

For more info on product licensing, email Sherwin Abuel at sherwin_abuel@creative-products.com.ph. For promotional licensing, email Penelope Tan Kwok at penkwok@creativeproducts.com.ph. Or call Creative Products Corporation at telephone numbers 7250901, 7250793, 7182110 and 7182112.

SUPER Bowl of China expand to Quezon City with the branch at SM City North Edsa to open soon. Photo shows Super Bowl marketing head April Fernandez, area director Martin Carrion and Charlie Antonio.

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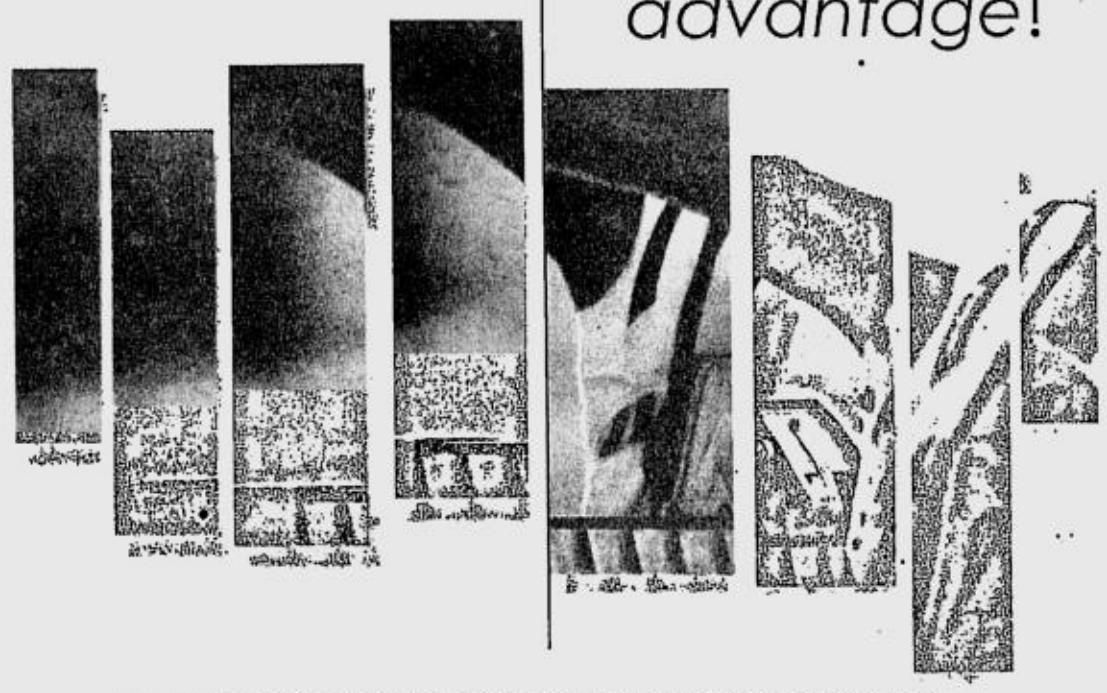

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Samsung bares new products with digital display technology

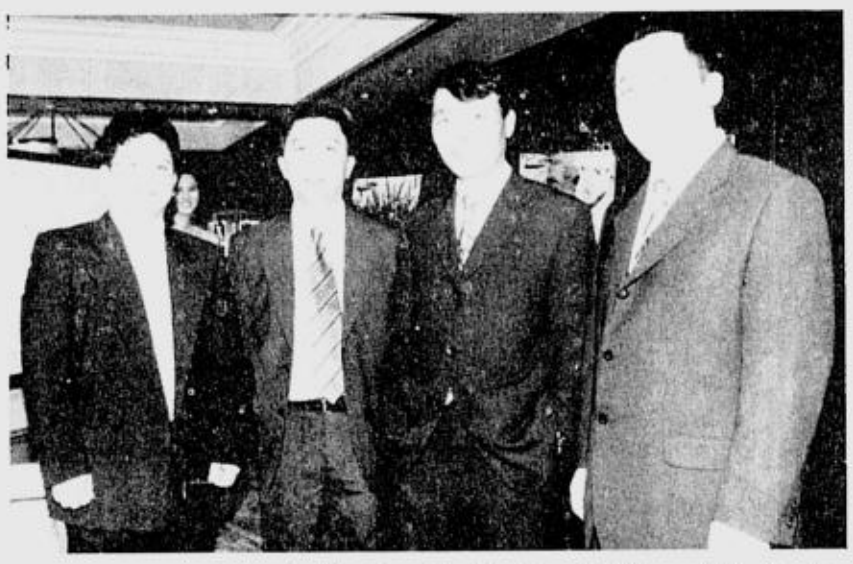
SAMSUNG Electronics Philippines Corp (Sepco) is introducing to the Philippine market the Digital Natural Image engine (DNIe) technology, a set of four advanced image processing technologies that makes digital TVs produce the clearest, most detailed and yet the most natural-looking images ever.

Sepco president and CEO Sang Youl Eom led the unveiling of the DNIe technology at the Manila leg of the DigitAll Partners Roadshow, part of a worldwide campaign to present DNIe to key markets in the United States, Europe and Asia. In his keynote speech, he noted that consumers will choose displays that are more exciting as they explore new technologies. "Samsung is a digital innovator and DNIe is a significant development for our display business," he said.

Key officials from the Samsung headquarters in Korea flew in for the launch, including general manager for product planning Augustine Lim, regional product manager Maurice Lim and general manager for CRT TV product marketing Ahn Jun Ho. Among the Sepco officials present were vice-president for sales and marketing of consumer electronics Dong Ha Jang, senior manager for marketing Jerry Lacson and advertising promo manager Angie Limbaco.

DNIe works through four core technologies: motion optimizer, contrast enhancer, detail enhancer and color optimizer. It took Samsung seven years of sustained research and investment to develop DNIe. The project began in 1996 and the following year, the company developed a noise reduction function for the image enhancement of cathode ray tube or CRT TVs. In 2000, Samsung started a new picture quality enhancement project. It resulted in the basic version of the DNIe technology that was completed two years later. Early this year, the radical new technology caught the eye of the world in a successful demo at a show in Las Vegas. To date, Samsung has received 85 foreign and domestic patents relating to DNIe, including a basic technology patent for reproduction.

DNIe is installed in all Samsung plasma display TVs, LCD projection TVs and selected models of LCD TVs. The 50 inch ST50L2H2X and the 61 inch ST61L2HXX are currently available in the local market as well as five other models of LCD TVs. Other models are expected to be shipped by yearend. Eom Says the DNIe technology will be a major factor in Samsung's business growth in the Philippines. "We are confident that Filipino consumers will find the best picture quality at competitive prices in Samsung products. On top of that, we offer the market a complete digital package that enhances the home entertainment experience." He ads that the development of DNIe technology is an opportune beginning for Samsung. "The technology allows us to create complementary products using a single solution. We will provide not only displays but audio systems and other complementary devices equipped with DNIe."



FROM left: Samsung's Maurice Lim, Augustine Lim, Sang Youl Eom and Ahn Jun Ho at the launch of the Digital Natural Image engine.

QC VENDOR HONORED AS MERALCO'S 4 MILLIONTH CUSTOMER

The Manila Electric Company recently honored Anthony Billones (left), a resident of Bagong Silangan, Batasan, Quezon city, for being Meralco's 4 millionth customer during a simple awarding ceremony at the power firm's Commonwealth Ave. branch. The QC vendor along with his family was presented a commemorative plaque plus P10,000 in cash and a set of appliances. A marker was also installed at their residence. Shown in the picture are (from left) the family of Billones; Meralco chair and chief executive officer Manuel Lopez; and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' Belmonte Jr.

SEATTLE'S BEST NOW IN EMERALD AVE

Drinking coffee is all about taste and pleasure. Yuppies gladly got their dose of the java rush when Seattle's Best Coffee opened its latest branch at the Orient Square along Emerald Avenue in Ortigas Center. Guest of honor was Pasig Mayor Soleda Eusebio, to officially open the branch along with prominent fashion model Phoemela Barranda.

SHANGRI-LA IS THE BEST SHOPPING CENTER FOR 2003

The Philippine Retailer's Association awarded their top prize to Shangri-La Plaza last Oct. 28 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Named as the Best Shopping Center 2003, the PRA capped Shangri-La's efforts with its highest honor. This award reinforces the mall's position in the market and strengthens its commitment to maintain its standards. The award is a culmination of years of hard work and dedication to its patrons, tenants and the general public. In photo are (first row, from left) lawyer Myla Santos, corporate legal counsel; Mhela Mangubat, tenant services manager; Lyn Jursay, exhibit/marketing officer; Guia Tieng, senior marketing officer; Hazel Del Castillo, tenant relations manager; Mary Ann Dizon, vice president for finance; Lala Fojas, EVP and general manager; Jolyon Tiglao, vice president for operations; Linda Subang, general manager; Chelle Fernan, strategic and planning research manager; Rochelle Moreno, tenant relations manager. (Second row, from left) Felipe Buena, security manager; Tony Espiritu, purchasing manager; Bong Samaniego, ISD manager and Lino Dayrit, chief engineer of Shangri-La Plaza Corp.

Winners of 1st monthly Philtranco raffle draw

ROSIE Ropis of Pasig City proved luckiest among thousands who joined Philtranco's "Todo Papremyo sa Philtranco" raffle promo, as she won the Jianshe XVR150 motorcycle grand prize in the 1st monthly draw held at the Iriga City Coliseum in Bicol. Aside from Ropis, hundreds of lucky Philtranco passengers also won other major, minor, and consolation prizes at stake for the 1st monthly draw. The other major prize winners are: Marilyn Rodriguez and Emma Manzano, 1 national refrigerator each; Yolanda Cantos, 1 LG Collins TV set; 1 LG Collins Hi-Fi stereo each to Albert Esturas, Vicente Norvel, and Patrocenia Macacado; and Aileen Kok, Salvador Tinugdan, Genevieve Jacob, Jermias Barce, Erwin Valdes, and Amarillo Hilario will each receive 1 Nokia 3650 cellular phone.

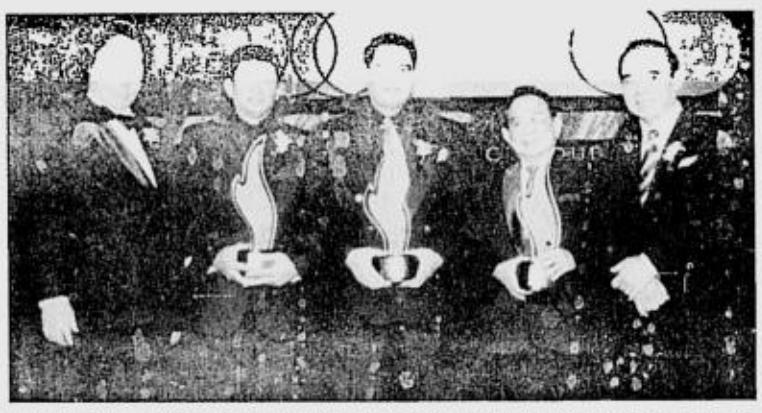
In attendance at the 1st "Todo Papremyo sa Philtranco" raffle was Vice Mayor Dr. Manuel Oliva of Iriga City, who delivered a speech for Mayor Emmanuel Alfelor. Oliva, with several high-ranking officials of the local government, drew the winning raffle coupons. Iriga hosted the 1st monthly draw as it was this picturesque city that served as the birthplace of Philtranco more than 89 years ago. Philtranco officials such as chief financial officer Lourdes Rebueno, senior vice president for operations Gerardo Togle, and Southern Luzon head Jimmy Zamora also graced the event.

Vice Mayor Oliva in his speech said that Iriga is honored in hosting the 1st monthly draw of Philtranco's promo, and that the city will always support any event or promo by the country's premier bus company.

Adding local flavor to the raffle were the numerous song and dance numbers performed by students, much to the delight of the crowd.

The minor prize winners are: Arnel Bolano and Marivic Gonba, 1 PLDT Hype Siemens gigaset; Salvacion Casyao, Rosario Ombao, Juliata Ariate, Mustapha Rasuman, Maura Quinagutan, Romeo Lasala, and Gladys Borrero, 1 Hanabishi desk fan each; Ian Relao and Rodigiel Ilao, 1 Hanabishi double-burner gas stove each; and 1 Hanabishi oven toaster will each be given to Rolando Orion, Monaliza Espeña, Amalia Dilla, Jean Diñio, Rodrigo Zabala, Romiel Domasig, and Acela Bilen.

Succeeding "Todo Papremyo sa Philtranco" monthly raffle draws will be on Oct. 15 and Nov. 15. In the grand draw on January 9, 2004, to be held at the newly renovated Philtranco Pasay Terminal, lucky Philtranco passengers can win the Kia KC2700 Panoramic Van grand prize or a trip to Boracay with P10,000 pocket money. All that and a lot more prizes. Promo runs from Aug. 15 to Dec. 26. See print ads and more printed materials for more details.



PHILAM PLANS AWARDS ITS CHAMPIONS FOR 2002

Philam Plans president and CEO Jesus Hofileña (leftmost) and senior adviser Eliseo Dizon Jr. (rightmost) flank Philam Plans' champions for 2002. From left, number one unit manager Danilo Mercado, number one sales counselor Lawrence Joseph Ycaro and number one agency manager Francisco Bautista. Not in picture is number one district manager Violeta Ocampo.

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SAVE A HEART, SAVE A LIFE PROJECT

THE ROTARY Club of Manila launched recently a public service TV commercial in cooperation with Dr. P, the No. 1 adult diaper. The television advertisement hopes to help create awareness on the program and to encourage the public to support this worthy cause through donations. Please send donations to Save-a-Heart, Save-a-Life project or call its hotline at tel. no. 5271889.

PDS celebrates 4th National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week

THE PHILIPPINE Dermatological Society (PDS) will be celebrating the 4th National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week on Nov. 9 to 15. With the theme: "Balat...Alagaan Laban sA sakiT," the nationwide celebration aims to uplift the Filipinos' health status through patient education and early skin disease detection and prevention using proper dermatological care. The week-long event will include lectures on "Basic Care for Healthy Skin, Hair and Nails" as well as free clinics on selected barangay health centers and schools nationwide. For further information, call the PDS secretariat at 727-7309. Visit the PDS website at www.pds.org.ph.

Bukas Palad's new album

BUKAS Palad Music Ministry, is chanting to a different beat in their latest project, Let your Praises Be Heard, an album of original inspirational music with a soulful groove. Catch Bukas Palad's latest sound on the Let Your Praises Be Heard promo tour presented by Globe Gentext on the following dates: Nov. 9, 6 p.m., at SM City Fairview; Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m., at the Glorietta Activity Center; Nov. 28, 6 p.m., at SM City North Edsa; Dec. 6, 5 p.m. at Alabang Town Center; and Dec. 7, 4 p.m., at the Power Plant Mall. Major sponsor is Ariel Detergent.

Ms Earth at Networld Hotel

MS EARTH candidates paid a courtesy visit to Networld Hotel. The ladies were treated to their delight as they enjoyed a nice massage and sauna at SM Kenko Health Spa and at Willy dela Vega Salon. The pageant will be held today at the UP Film Center.

FREEMASONS DONATES WHEELCHAIRS

Freemasons of Walana Lodge No. 13, Labong Lodge No. 59 of Masonic District No. 3 and Laoag Lodge No. 71 jointly sponsor a medical and dental mission for residents of Laoag City in Ilocos Norte last Oct. 18. Children Joy and Ernie were the recipients of wheelchairs, medicine and t-shirts. The mission was part of the Masonic pledge to be of help to people especially in less fortunate communities.

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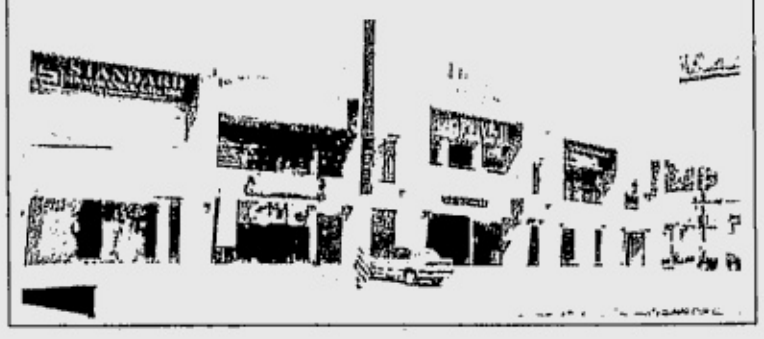
Westlife Place: lifestyle and convenience

A WESTERN concept of a strip mall strategically located at the very heart of West Avenue corner Bulacan Street shall be the alternative one-stop place where you can experience and capture the true meaning of lifestyle and convenience. Westlife Place is a very accessible and has more than 60 parking slots which the customers of its existing tenants, Panciterio Lido, Starbucks Coffee, Preve II Salon and Spa, Extra Excel International (Philippines) Co Inc, Standard Insurance Co Inc and Countrystyle Donuts shall surely be proud of. The place was designed adapting modern architectural and aesthetic execution which is attuned to the latest trend in strip mall design. If you are looking for that opportunity Westlife offers, make that big move today and hitch your star to the next big thing in this part of the city. For inquiries on available space for lease, call West View Estate & Development Corp at 0918-9403789.



FUN DAY FOR THE COLUMNS SALES TEAM

Property specialists handling sales of The Columns, Ayala Avenue spend a day of sports and fun at Dencio's in Fort Bonifacio. Shown in photo (from left) are Vicky Leodico, Ana Jose, Beth Reynoso, Sandy Alfonso, Yancy Gonzales, Lisa Bacal, Jeremy Chuansu, Jing Nomat and Ana Carpio.

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When you're down and out, light a candle

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

IT WAS the 80s and the times were good for Ed Gatchalian.

He had a market development company that brought him to different parts of the world, managed products for some multinational firms and even had time to be a musical director and compose advertising jingles for clients.

Then came the Asian crisis in 1997 and the good days came to a slow but sure end. His businesses that were dependent on the budgets of foreign firms closed one by one.

It came to the point where even the family savings were wiped out and the family became desperately worried about where they were going to get the funds to keep them going.

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

Financial crisis

And as if the Gatchalian's financial crisis was not enough, they suffered another blow when their first grandchild passed away in October 1997 at only 32 days old.

However, being devout Christians as they are, Ed and wife Bing firmly believed that when God closes a door, he opens a window. True enough, He did.

He may have slammed several doors on their faces, but God did leave one little window of opportunity open for them and it came in the form of Bing's hobby of making candles.

"It started from our travels. Whenever we went abroad, Bing would buy candles for our house. And then she and one of our twin daughters started making them on their own. In fact they made a candle shaped like a baby bottle that we put beside the coffin of our granddaughter and people who saw it wanted to buy it," Gatchalian says.

Turning serious

They did not seriously think about making a business out of the hobby until one of their friends suggested that since Christmas was approaching, they could make enough candles to sell in a bazaar in Alabang. Bing and their daughters Gabby and Kelly did and they happily made P20,000 in sales in one day.

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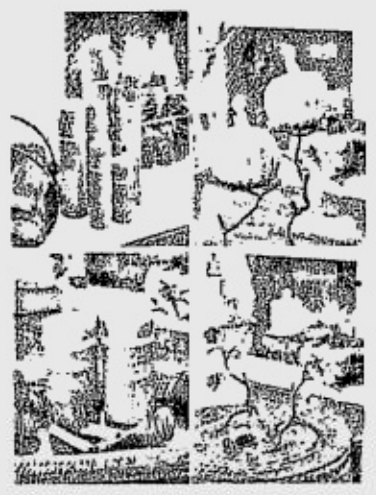

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He had a market development company that brought him to different parts of the world, managed products for some multinational firms and even had time to be a musical director and compose advertising jingles for clients.

Then came the Asian crisis in 1997 and the good days came to a slow but sure end. His businesses that were dependent on the budgets of foreign firms closed one by one.

It came to the point where even the family savings were wiped out and the family became desperately worried about where they were going to get the funds to keep them going.

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And as if the Gatchalian's financial crisis was not enough, they suffered another blow when their first grandchild passed away in October 1997 at only 32 days old.

However, being devout Christians as they are, Ed and wife Bing firmly believed that when God closes a door, he opens a window. True enough, He did.

He may have slammed several doors on their faces, but God did leave one little window of opportunity open for them and it came in the form of Bing's hobby of making candles.

"It started from our travels. Whenever we went abroad, Bing would buy candles for our house. And then she and one of our twin daughters started making them on their own. In fact they made a candle shaped like a baby bottle that we put beside the coffin of our granddaughter and people who saw it wanted to buy it," Gatchalian says.

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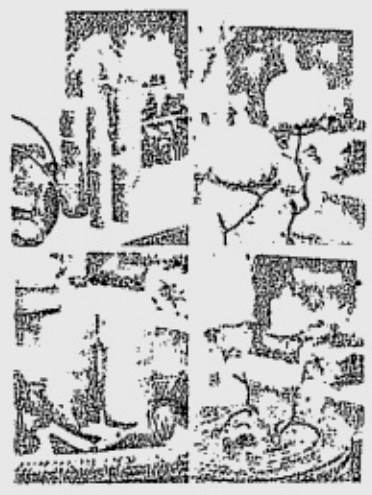

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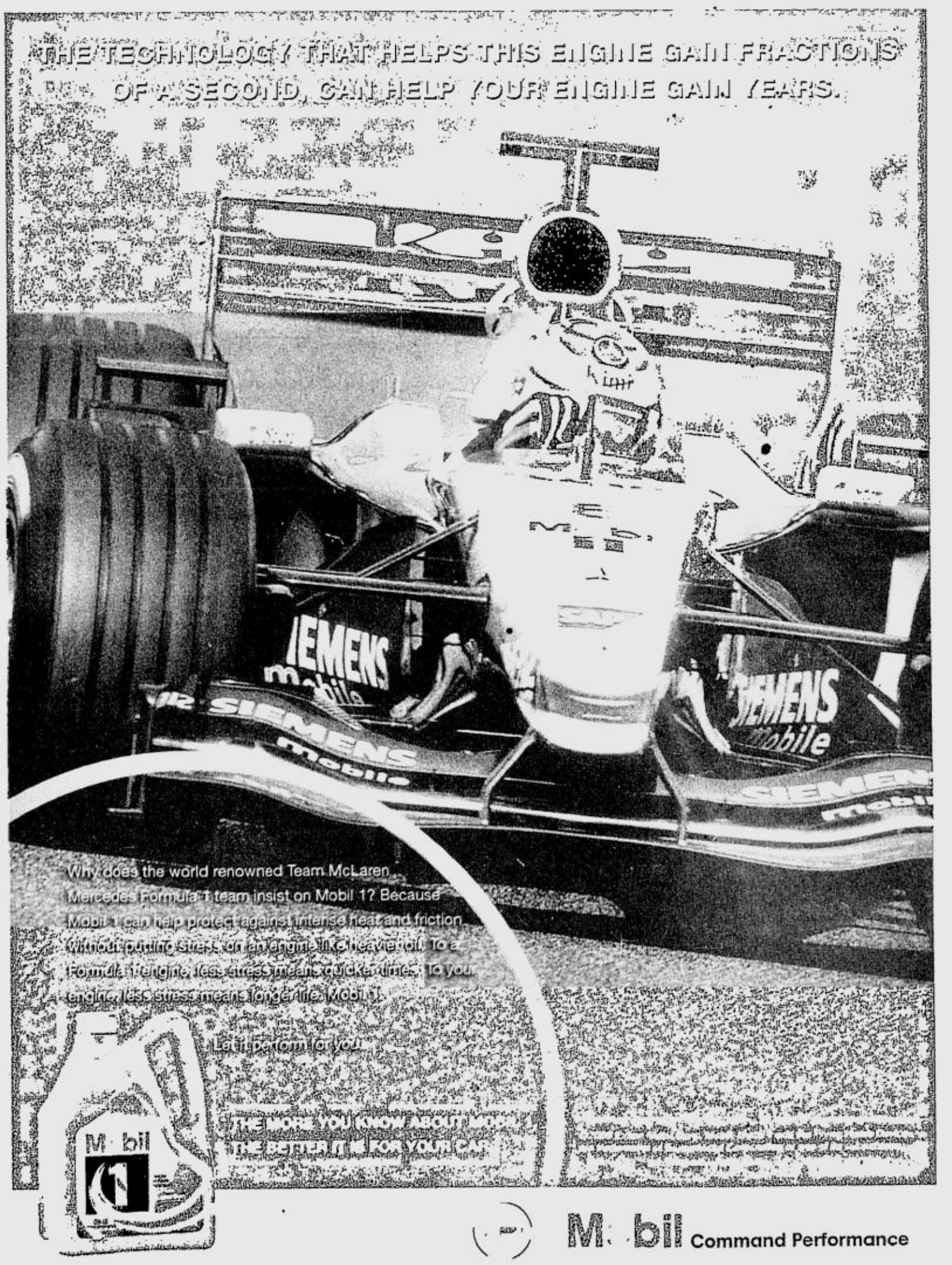

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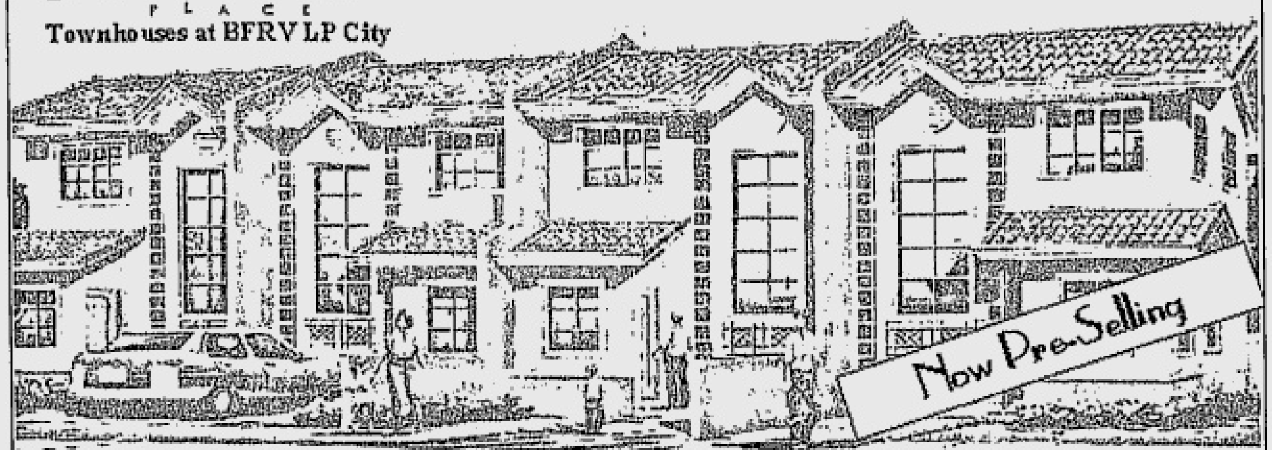

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OBITUARIES

His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin

Auxiliary bishops and clergy, bereaved sisters; **Aurora Mendiola Yabut** and **Nelly Mendiola Hermano**; brother-in-law **Eleuterio Hermano**; sister-in-law **Leonida A. Mendiola**; nieces and nephews; relatives and friends

deeply mourn the demise of

REV. MSGR. ARTURO AGUIL MENDIOLA

who died on November 8, 2003 at the age of 87.

His remains lie at the Mortuary of San Felipe Neri Parish, Boni Avenue, cor. Aglipay Street, Mandaluyong City.

Interment follows at the San Felipe Cemetery after the funeral Mass on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at 2:30 in the afternoon.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late Dra. Carmen Enverga-Santos,

who peacefully joined her Creator

on 31 October 2003 at the age of 81,

wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to all

those who condoled with us at the hour of

our bereavement.

Dr. Florentino N. Santos,

children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

"The world may have become less than a great soul... yet heaven has become a much better place for it gained a great mother with you. Good Journey Mommy Trining..."

Trinidad Monces Nevada

"Mommy Trining"

(July 9, 1919 – November 5, 2003)

Peacefully passed away in the grace of our Lord at the age of 84 and survived by:

Her children:
Elmo & Angela, Endong, Edna & Bobby, Ellie & Alec

Her grandchildren:
Giselle, Patrick, Regi, Ria, Michael, Mark, KC, Enzo, Nic, Franchino, Coby

Her surviving siblings:
Inyang, Elena, Marianing, Ben

Her remains lie in state at 68 Legarda Road, Baguio City.
Interment will be on November 12, 2003 (Wednesday).
Services to start at 9:00 A.M. at Saint Joseph Church, Pacdal, Baguio City

"By love he is remembered; And in memory he lives."

Twenty-fifth Death Anniversary of

ENRIQUE Q. FERNANDO, Jr.

(Tata)

Masses will be offered on November 9, 2003 at:

Our Lady of Pentecost Chapel, Loyola Hts., Quezon City	12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Barangka Catholic Church, Marikina City	5:00 PM
Our Lady of Divine Mercy, Xavierville I, Quezon City	5:30 PM
Parish of the Holy Sacrifice, U.P., Diliman, Quezon City	5:30 PM, 7:00 PM
Santa Ana Church, Manila	6:30 PM
Sta. Maria della Strada Church, Pansol, Quezon City	7:00 PM

Masses will also be offered on November 7, 2003 at:

Our Lady of Manaoag Church, Pangasinan	7:00 AM

Masses will also be offered on November 10, 2003 at:

St. Claire's Church, Portland, Oregon	7:30 AM
St. Cassian Church, Upper Montclair, New Jersey	8:30 AM
St. Peter's Church, Lower Manhattan, New York City	12:05 PM

The family requests prayers for his eternal rest.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."

Matthew 10:39

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We, the children, brothers, sisters, in-laws and relatives of the late

Atty. ARMANDO R. ROSIMO

wish to convey our sincerest gratitude to those who condoled with us during our bereavement, that lightened the heavy burden of our personal loss of our dearest papa, a trusted public servant and a sincere friend to all.

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I feel no harm. For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..."

Psalm 23:4

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late,

FÉ TORRENTE YOINGCO

"MOM"

August 4, 1923 – September 30, 2003.
(Retired Vice President and Administrator – Provident Fund, Philippine National Bank)

who peacefully joined our Lord at the age of 80.

wish to convey our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all who sent masscards and messages of sympathy, flowers, donations, kept vigil, called from abroad, attended masses and funeral rites, helped and comforted us in so many ways during our time of bereavement.

Dr. WILHELMINA KASILAG-OCHOA

Peacefully joined our Creator on November 8, 2003 at the age of 83.

Her beloved husband **JORGE, SR.** (†); children **CORAMINE, EPI & GEORGINA, JORGE, JR., WILMA, JOBERT & LEE, JOMAR** (†) **& RUBY**; sisters & brothers **NATY, KING, TAVIO** (†), **MARCIAL** (†) and **PETE** (†); sisters-in-law **GRAN, CHOL, MARIETTA, FELY & PAZ**; grandchildren; nephews & nieces; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Arlington Memorial Chapels.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

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OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
❶ Copy of Death Certificate
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

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MESSAGE OF THANKS
DEATH ANNIVERSARY
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PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO)
INVITATION TO SUBMIT OFFERS

The assets being offered on an "as-is, where-is" basis, are located in various sites and are being offered at the Indicative Prices presented below. Sealed offers shall be received at **3:00 p.m.** on the following schedules at **PMO Conference Room, 6th Floor, Privatization and Management Office, 104 Gamboa St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.**

Asset Name/ Location	Indicative Price (In Philippine Currency)	Date of Submission Of Offers
Davao Timber Corp.		
Buildings, machinery & equipment, furniture & office equipment at Mati, Davao Oriental	2,733,280	November 17, 2003
Land (11,948 sq.m.) and buildings at Maco, Compostela Valley	1,479,600	
Pioneer Glass Manufacturing Corp.		
Buildings, machinery and transportation equipment	3,047,000	
Land (10.29 hectares) located at Rosario, Cavite	175,042,200	
Land (1.84 hectares) located at Sitio Lawis, Brgy. Alimango, Escalante City, Negros Occ.	157,000	November 24, 2003
Marsteel Corp. (Brgy. Baesa, Tandang Sora, Quezon City)		
Land (15,718 sq.m.)	70,731,000	November 25, 2003
Atlas Developers and Steel Industries, Inc. (Jenny's Ave., Rosario, Pasig City)		
Land (4,000 sq.m. more or less) and improvements consisting of fence and gates	25,250,400	November 26, 2003
Building	2,007,000	
Elorde Sports and Tourism Dev't. Corp. (Dr. A. Santos Ave., Brgy. San Antonio, Parañaque City)		
Land (5,500 sq.m.)	123,750,000	November 27, 2003
Sanifoods Processing Corp. (Concepcion, Rosario, La Union)		
Land (19,974 sq.m.) with Improvements	9,830,700	December 2, 2003
Interland Chemicals, Inc. (Bo. Balubad, Atimonan, Quezon)		
Land (47,823 sq.m.) including land and improvements	8,653,140	December 4, 2003
Rafols Hotel (Brgy. San Manuel, Puerto Princesa, Palawan)		
Leasehold Rights over a 41,227 sq.m. land effective until Dec. 5, 2005	900,900	December 8, 2003
Asialand Development Corp. Ciudad Real Subidivision, Tungkong Mangga, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan		
Land Lot No. 1	Area (in sq.m.) 557	501,200
2	439	395,100
3	425	382,500
4	396	356,400
5	388	349,200
6	433	389,700
7	376	338,400
8	361	324,900
9	350	315,000
10	388	349,200
11	429	386,100
12	365.5	328,950
13	350	315,000
14	350	315,000
15	350	315,000
16	120	108,000
17	1,011	1,819,800
18	3,225	2,902,500
		December 10, 2003
Utility Enterprises Corp. (Bo. Dungo-an, Danao, Cebu City)		
Land (27,824 sq.m.)	3,756,600	December 11, 2003

All sealed offers shall be opened and tabulated by the PMO in the presence of all interested parties. PMO shall announce the highest offer immediately after the said tabulation and retain the deposit, of the highest offer received pending PMO/Privatization Council's (PrC's) consideration of the offer. Deposits of other offerors will be returned immediately after the Offer for Sale.

Sale documents could be secured from the PMO Marketing Dept. at a nominal fee of P500.00 for each asset.

Interested parties may contact the PMO Marketing Office at telephone nos. 817-6331; 817-8762; 818-4733; 892-21-45 fax no. 818-0906.

PMO reserves the right to reject any or all offers, waive any formalities and accept the offer considerred most advantageous to the government.

(PDI – November 9, 2003)

Century Properties Management Inc.

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BEST PROPERTY DEALS
PUBLIC AUCTION OF ACQUIRED ASSETS

2:00 pm THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20th, 2003
GROUND FLOOR, EXPORT BANK PLAZA, CORNER SEN. GIL PUYAT AVE. (BUENDIA AVE.), CHINO ROCES AVE. (PASONG TAMO AVE.), MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA

ANTIPOLO

Property No. 1 – Lot Only LA: 216 sq.m.
B3/L3 Cascades Subd., Brgy Bayugo
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,015,200

P-No. 2 – Lot Only LA: 649 sq.m.
B5/L17 Cottonwood Heights Subd. Brgy Bayugo
Minimum Bid Price: Php 3,050,300

P-No. 3 – Lot Only LA: 303 sq.m.
B10/L3 Cottonwood Heights Subd. Brgy Bayugo
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,424,100

P-No. 4 – Lot Only LA: 283 sq.m.
B14/L14 Cottonwood Heights Subd. Brgy Bayugo
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,330,100

P-No. 5 – Lot Only LA: 219 sq.m.
B14/L13 Cottonwood Heights Subd. Brgy Bayugo
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,029,300

P-No. 6 – Lot Only LA: 335 sq.m.
B1/L20 Foliage Hills Subd. Brgy Bayugo
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,574,500

P-No. 7 – Lot Only LA: 267 sq.m.
B3/L1 Foliage Hills Subd. Brgy Bayugo
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,254,900

P-No. 8 – Lot Only LA: 252 sq.m.
L2/Psd 04-142064 Gardens of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 882,000

P-No. 9 – Lot Only LA: 226 sq.m.
B14/L20 Gardens of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 791,000

P-No. 10 – Lot Only LA: 161 sq.m.
B7/L28 Gardens of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 563,500

P-No. 11 – Lot Only LA: 191 sq.m.
B7/L39 Gardens of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 668,500

P-No. 12 – Lot Only LA: 240 sq.m.
B8/L21 Gardens of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 840,000

P-No. 13 – Lot Only LA: 293 sq.m.
B1/L33 Hills of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,025,500

P-No. 14 – Lot Only LA: 237 sq.m.
B4/L32 Hills of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 829,500

P-No. 15 – Lot Only LA: 200 sq.m.
B1/L36 Hills of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 700,000

P-No. 16 – Lot Only LA: 173 sq.m.
B4/L33 Hills of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 605,500

P-No. 17 – Lot Only LA: 167 sq.m.
B1/L34 Hills of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 584,500

P-No. 18 – Lot Only LA: 186 sq.m.
B9/L10 Hills of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 651,000

P-No. 19 – Lot Only LA: 196 sq.m.
B9/L14 Hills of Maia, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 686,000

P-No. 20 – Lot Only LA: 164 sq.m.
B2/L6 Maia Alta, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 574,000

P-No. 21 – Lot Only LA: 168 sq.m.
B2/L8 Maia Alta, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 588,000

P-No. 22 – Lot Only LA: 162 sq.m.
B2/L5 Maia Alta, M. L. Quezon Ave.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 567,000

CALOOCAN

P-No. 23 – Lot Only LA: 87 sq.m.
B6/L9 Grande Vita Subd., Galas Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 261,000

P-No. 24 – Lot Only LA: 89 sq.m.
B6/L10 Grande Vita Subd., Galas Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 267,000

P-No. 25 – Lot Only LA: 92 sq.m.
B6/L11 Grande Vita Subd., Galas Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 276,000

P-No. 26 – Lot Only LA: 169 sq.m.
B7/L21 Grande Vita Subd., Galas Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 507,000

P-No. 27 – Lot Only LA: 112 sq.m.
B7/L22 Grande Vita Subd., Galas Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 336,000

P-No. 28 – Lot Only LA: 82 sq.m.
B7/L23 Grande Vita Subd., Galas Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 246,000

P-No. 29 Lot Only LA: 129 sq.m.
B7/L24 Grande Vita Subd., Galas Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 387,000

P-No. 30 – Lot Only LA: 166 sq.m.
B2/L25 Residenza 2 Subd., Deparo Rd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 913,000

CAVITE (BACOOR)

P-No. 31 – Lot Only LA: 304 sq.m.
B6 L1 Lessinia de Cita Italia, Brgy. Mambog 3
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,368,000

P-No. 32 – Lot Only LA: 244 sq.m.
B6/L4 Lessinia de Cita Italia Brgy. Mambog 3
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,098,000

P/No. 33 Lot Only LA: 163 sq.m.
B1/L24 Roma de Cita Italia, Brgy. Mambog 3
Minimum Bid Price: Php 733,500

P/No. 34 – Lot Only LA: 148 sq.m.
B1 L19 Roma de Cita Italia, Brgy. Mambog 3
Minimum Bid Price: Php 666,000

P/No. 35 Lot Only LA: 217 sq.m.
B1 L17 Venezia de Cita Italia, Brgy. Mambog 3
Minimum Bid Price: Php 976,500

P-No. 36 – Lot Only LA: 209 sq.m.
B7/L33 Verona de Cita Italia, Brgy. Mambog 3
Minimum Bid Price: Php 940,500

P-No. 37 Lot Only LA: 139 sq.m.
B7 L34 Verona de Cita Italia, Brgy. Mambog 3
Minimum Bid Price: Php 625,500

CAVITE (DASMARINAS)

P-No. 38 Lot Only LA: 605 sq.m.
B11/L10 Island Park Subd., Phase 1, Brgy Paliparan
Minimum Bid Price: Php 3,932,500

P-No. 39 Lot Only LA: 340 sq.m.
B1/L9 Island Park Subd., Phase 1, Brgy Paliparan
Minimum Bid Price: Php 2,210,000

LAGUNA (SAN PEDRO)

P-No. 40 – Lot Only LA: 219 sq.m.
B11/L1 La Marea 1 Subd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,029,300

P-No. 41 – Lot Only LA: 202 sq.m.
B11/L2 La Marea 1 Subd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 949,400

P-No. 42 – Lot Only LA: 185 sq.m.
B14 L1 La Marea 1 Subd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 869,500

P-No. 43 – Lot Only LA: 264 sq.m.
B1/L41 La Marea Hills Subd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,240,800

P-No. 44 – Lot Only LA: 283 sq.m.
B9 L4 Trails of La Marea Subd.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,330,100

LAGUNA (STA. ROSA)

P-No. 45 – Lot Only LA: 578 sq.m.
B7/L17 Belle Reve Subd., Brgy. Don Jose
Minimum Bid Price: Php 3,468,000

P-No. 46 – Lot Only LA: 840 sq.m.
B11/L19 Belle Reve Subd., Brgy. Don Jose
Minimum Bid Price: Php 5,040,000

P-No. 47 – Lot Only LA: 681 sq.m.
B11/L71 Belle Reve Subd., Brgy. Don Jose
Minimum Bid Price: Php 4,086,000

P-No. 48 – Lot Only LA: 720 sq.m.
L2079-A-3-D-3-C-4 Brgy. Don Jose
Minimum Bid Price: Php 3,600,000

P-No. 49 – Lot Only LA: 216 sq.m.
B16/L9 La Residencia De Santa Rosa, Brgy. Don Jose
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,188,000

P-No. 50 – Lot Only LA: 182 sq.m.
B17/L27 La Residencia De Santa Rosa, Brgy. Don Jose
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,001,000

LAS PINAS

P-No. 51 – Lot Only LA: 420 sq.m.
B26/L38 Cul De Sac, Lourdes Atienza St., BF Resort Village
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,890,000

MAKATI

P-No. 52 Commercial Condo. FA: 66.40 sq.m.
Unit 2310 Cityland 10 Condominium, H. V. dela Costa St.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,992,000

P-No. 53 – Commercial Condo FA: 81.28 sq.m.
Unit 2311 Cityland 10 Condominium, H. V. dela Costa St.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 2,438,400

P-No. 54 – Residential Condo. FA: 69.65 sq.m.
Unit 417 Makati Terraces Condo., Davila St.
Minimum Bid Price: Php 1,393,000

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National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
NPC-PSD 2003-011

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)-PSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements:

SCHEDULE	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 1, 2003; 9:00 AM			
11A1	PARTS FOR ASH SILO DUSTLESS UNLOADER/ MIXER, BRAND: UCC, MODEL: 3037/30	MCF-03-079 (LS)	P 1,500,000.00
11A2	PARTS FOR AIR COMPRESSOR MODEL ZR-5 (ATLAS COPCO)	MCF-03-203 (LS)	P 1,593,913.00
11A3	GLOBE VALVES & ANGLE NEEDLE VALVE	MCF-03-215 (LS)	Y 8,362,400.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 1, 2003; 2:00 PM			
11B1	J.O.-SUPPLY OF LABOR, SUPERVISION, SPARE PARTS, TOOLS AND CONSUMABLES FOR ONE (1) YR. MAINT. SVCS. OF AIR-CONDITIONING MOTIVE AIR COOLING DRYING AND REF. SYSTEMS/UNITS OF BCFTPP	BCF-03-446 (NY)	P 1,470,000.00
11B2	CASTING OF BULL RING ASSEMBLY	BCF-03-669 (NY)	P 850,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 2, 2003; 9:00 AM			
11C1	JET-PIPE SERVO VALVE (ACTUATOR FOR CONTROL VALVE	BAC-03-531 (RP)	P 800,000.00
11C2	FAN BLADES, BRAND: HUDSON	BAC-03-609 (RP)	P 3,887,800.00
11C3	OIL COOLER ASSEMBLY	BAC-03-717 (RP)	P 5,500,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 2, 2003; 2:00 PM			
11D1	J.O.-SUPPLY OF LABOR, MATLS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPERVISION IN THE REPLACEMENT OF OUTDOOR INSTRUMENT AIR PIPINGS AND TUBINGS AT PLANT A, B & C	TPM-03-024 (RP)	P 900,000.00
11D2	J.O.-SUPPLY OF LABOR, MATLS AND EQUIPMENT TO EXPAND CAPABILITIES OF EXISTING PAGING AND INTERCOM SYSTEM AT PLANTS A, B, C DOMESTIC PUMP HOUSES AND NPC HOUSING COMPOUND OFFICES	TPM-03-047 (RP)	P 5,000,600.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 3, 2003; 9:00 AM			
11E1	MODULAR CHILLER PARTS FOR PLANT A MODULAR CHILLER PARTS FOR PLANT B MODULAR CHILLER PARTS FOR PLANT B	MGM-03-349 (RP) MGP-03-350 (RP) MGM-03-351 (RP)	P 2,639,735.00 P 4,288,653.00 P 3,170,943.00
11E2	J.O.-SUPPLY OF MATLS & INSTALLATION INCLUDING SUPERVISION FOR TWO (2) UNITS FAN MOTOR WITH AIR VENTILATING DUCT OF HOTWELL PUMP AT MBGPP UNITS 5 & 6	MGO-03-262 (RP)	P 3,200,000.00
11E3	J.O.-SUPPLY OF DEVICES, CONTROLS AND EQUIPT. FOR THE REFURBISHING AND REHAB OF FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM FOR MAK-BAN PLANT A	MGO-03-355 (RP)	P 15,000,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 3, 2003; 2:00 PM			
11F1	GIRTS, FAN DECK, SPLICES, LOUVERS, ETC. FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COOLING TOWER	LGP-03-246 (RA)	P 26,142,050.00
11F2	POWER METERS (EMS)	LGP-03-341 (NY)	P 5,400,000.00
11F3	J.O.-SUPPLY OF LABOR AND MATLS. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN INTEGRATED AND INTERCOM SYSTEM AT LGPP-1	LGP-03-334 (NY)	P 8,521,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 4, 2003; 9:00 AM			
11G1	PARTIAL DISCHARGE ANALYZER	LGP-03-344 (LS)	P 17,000,000.00
11G2	J.O.-SUPPLY OF HARDWARE/EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, ENG'G AND LABOR FOR THE INSTALLATION, TEST AND COMMISSIONING OF DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM (DCS) FOR ONE (1) T/G UNIT OF THE PLANT	LGP-03-257 (RP)	P 12,000,000.00
11G3	PROTECTIVE RELAY TEST SET	PGP 1-03-184 (LS)	P 5,500,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 4, 2003; 2:00 PM			
11H1	RESISTOR, THYRISTOR, FUSE & FIELD CIRCUIT BREAKER OF GENERATOR FOR STATIC EXCITATION SYSTEM OF UNITS 1-4	MAG-03-179 (NY)	P 2,086,000.00
11H2	J.O.-SUPPLY OF LABOR AND MATLS FOR PARCELLARY SURVEY OF LIGAO-PIOU DURAN 69 KV TRANSMISSION LINE	ERS-03-005 (NY)	P 1,224,000.00
11H3	J.O.-TO SUPPLY OF LABOR AND MATLS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF TRANSFORMER OIL SAMPLES	APD-03-004 (NY)	P 1,060,000.00

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held at the bidding room for the following bidding schedules on:

11A3, 11C2-11C3	NOV. 12, 2003; 9:00 AM	11F1-11F3	NOV. 14, 2003; 9:00 AM
11D2 & 11E1	NOV. 13, 2003; 10:00 AM	11G1-11G3 & 11H1	NOV. 14, 2003; 2:00 PM
11E2-11E3	NOV. 13, 2003; 2:00 PM		

Complete sets of Application form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Procurement Services Division, Materials Management Dept. of NPC, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 100.00 per schedule starting on **November 7, 2003. Issuance of eligibility and bid documents mornings only, 8:30 to 11:30 AM up to the specified time as stated in the bid schedules above. Last day of issuance of bid documents shall be seven (7) calendar days from bid date for each schedule.**

Bids will be received at the assigned Bidding Room, PSD, MMD, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders. Certificate of Registrations issued by former Genco Offices will be honored provided that the Certification is still valid. Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution in accordance with the IRR of "Republic Act 9184".

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his/her bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to a percentage of the approved budget for the contract to be bid in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit - One Percent (1%), Surety Bond - Two and a half percent (2.5%), penal and callable on demand with 120 days validity period from the date of opening of bids issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to award of contract, waive any defects therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation, without thereby incurring any of the following: a) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids; and b) obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

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(PDI–November 2 & 9, 2003)

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4. J. Luna/H. Lopez, Tondo, Manila	P5.0M	11/30/03
5. Rizal Ave./Pampanga, Sta. Cruz	P5.0M	01/31/04
6. M. dela Fuente/G. Tuazon, Manila	P3.0M	01/31/04
7. Carmona, Cavite	P4.0M	11/30/03
8. Carmen, Pangasinan	P4.0M	11/30/03
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Approved Budget for the Contract:
- Lot 1 - 37 units branded PC Workstation - P2,035,000.00
- Lot 2 - 37 units Epson TM-U590 Slip Printer - P1,702,000.00

Contract Duration - Thirty (30) calendar days
Source of Funding - Capital Expenditures - Branch Tellering Project

This is a re-publication.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Particulars	Date	Venue
Issuance of eligibility requirements	November 10-21, 2003	BAC Secretariat, 6th Floor, SSS Main Building
Deadline of submission of eligibility requirements	November 26, 2003	BAC Secretariat, 6th Flr., SSS Main Bldg.
Issuance of Bidding Documents to Eligible Bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00	November 27, 2003	BAC Secretariat, 6th Flr., SSS Main Bldg.
Pre-bid Conference	November 28, 2003 2:00 p.m.	Bidding Room, 6th Floor, SSS Main Building
Submission & Opening of Bids shall be announced and confirmed through a Bid Bulletin.		

For any inquiry, please call telephone numbers 922-2991 or 920-6401 local 5490/ 5491.

This bidding shall be governed by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act."

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THE CHAIRMAN
BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

(PDI--Nov. 9, 2003)

National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS PIPES, FITTINGS, UNSERVICEABLE STATIONARY EQUIPMENT, JUNK HEAVY EQUIPMENT & SLUDGE OIL

"AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS

PUBLIC BIDDING DATE: NOV. 25, 2003 TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: MMD, NPC, DIL., Q.C.

The National Power Corporation will conduct a public bidding for the sale of the following:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	MINIMUM BID PRICE
SCHEDULE - I		
1.	One (1) Lot - Excess Pipe Casings, 319 pieces and Pipe Fittings, Nuts, Flanges, and Bolts of various size, length and thickness. Please see attached list and pictures with the Bid Forms. Located at MAKBAN GPP, BAY, LAGUNA.	P 3,010,300.00/Lot
2.	One (1) Lot - Unserviceable Stationary Equipment, consisting of Twenty-Five (25) units, and Junk Heavy Equipment consisting of Two (2) units. Please see list and pictures with the Bid Forms. Located at PGI S/Y, NPC MAKBAN GPP, Barangay BITIN, BAY, LAGUNA.	P 850,000.00/Lot
SCHEDULE - II		
1.	One (1) Lot - Sludge Oil, approximately 67,557 Liters. Located at NPC Tank No. 7, Bataan Thermal Plant, Barangay LUZ, LIMAY, BATAAN.	P 169,000.00/Lot

All bids must be submitted with the following:
1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S CHECK EQUIVALENT TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL BID PRICE.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN (2002) OF THE BIDDER OR FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMPANY (original or BIR certified copy).
3. FOR INTERESTED BIDDERS IN SCHEDULE-II; PREVIOUS DENR-EMB PERMITS AS WASTE OIL TRANSPORTERS/TREATERS.

All interested parties who wish to secure bid forms must present a valid Tax Identification Card or Income Tax Return. Bid Forms at P500.00/schedule may be secured from Mr. S.V. LOMUNTAD, Jr. at MMD, NPC Head Office, corner Agham Road and Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City or call tel. no. 924-5384. Deadline for issuance of bid forms is 4:30 p.m. November 24, 2003.

For the Materials Management Department:

(Sgd.) FELIX B. TACATA, JR.
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LABORATORY/INSPECTION - MORIKAWA DX 2A X-Ray Drill (2001); LLOYD DOLE Trackscan 4000 Auto Optical Inspection w/ MVS 1000 Verification Station; MITUTUYO 2-Axis Coordinate Measuring m/c; (3) UTRON 8000 HV III, (2) UTRON 8000 HV, (6) UTRON 6460H, TTI, PCB Testers; NIKON MM40 Microscope w/ Camera; ALPHA 600 SMD Ionic Contamination Tester; MET ONE Laser Particle Counter; CMI XRX Coating Thickness Tester; CMI MRX Surface Measurement Tester; GERVER GP2 Specimen Puncher; GLENBROOK X-Ray; JENWAY 6405 UV Spectrophotometer; Asstd. Pin Gauge Sets; Micrometers; Microscopes; Granite Surface Plates, etc.
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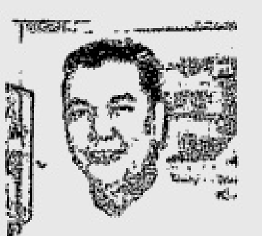

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REBAP Convention kicks off Silver Jubilee

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The Phil. Daily Inquirer and Smart Communications have confirmed as major sponsors. Other sponsors are: Royal Ventures Inc. RJ Lhinet Dev. Corp, Robinson's Land Inc., Pathland Dev. Corp.' and Moldex. Some other developers have yet to confirm their participation.

Rebap National Pres. Delia C. Fabro announced that the guest of honor and speaker will be real estate tycoon and now Senator Manuel Villar, who is expected to give an update of the real estate industry and discuss the different real estate-related bills under deliberations in the Senate. Also invited to attend is Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab, who will promote WOW Philippines and give an update on the different tourist spots being planned for development. These tourism developments are expected to spur real estate developments nationwide.

Convention Vice Chair Emily Q. Duterte said that the convention will open with a courtesy call on SBMA Chair Felicito Payumo at 11:00 am of November 13 , a motorcade in Olongapo City and courtesy call on Mayor Kate Gordon in the afternoon. And a welcome ceremonies at the SBMA grounds by SBMA Chair Felicito Payumo. It will be capped by the election of next year's officers and directors and a grand gala night aptly called "Silver in Black", where the elected officers will be inducted by Mayor Gordon.

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The event is expected to attract some 350 training and development practitioners.

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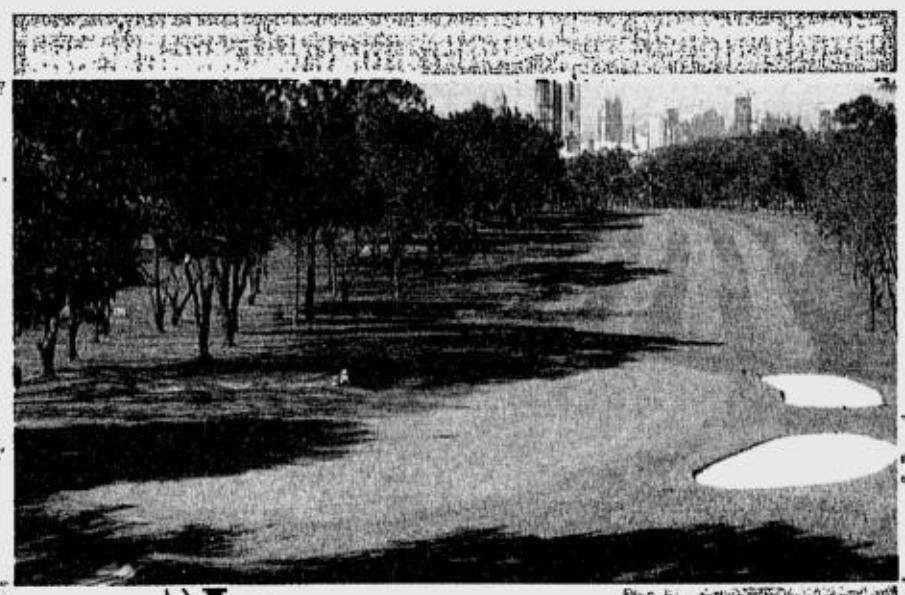

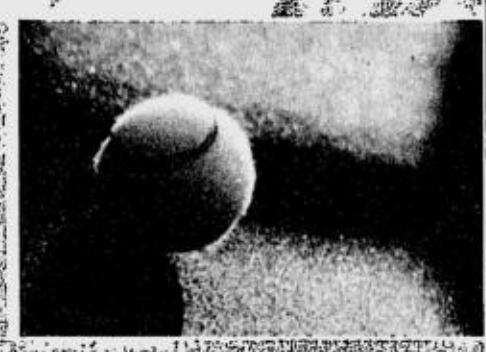

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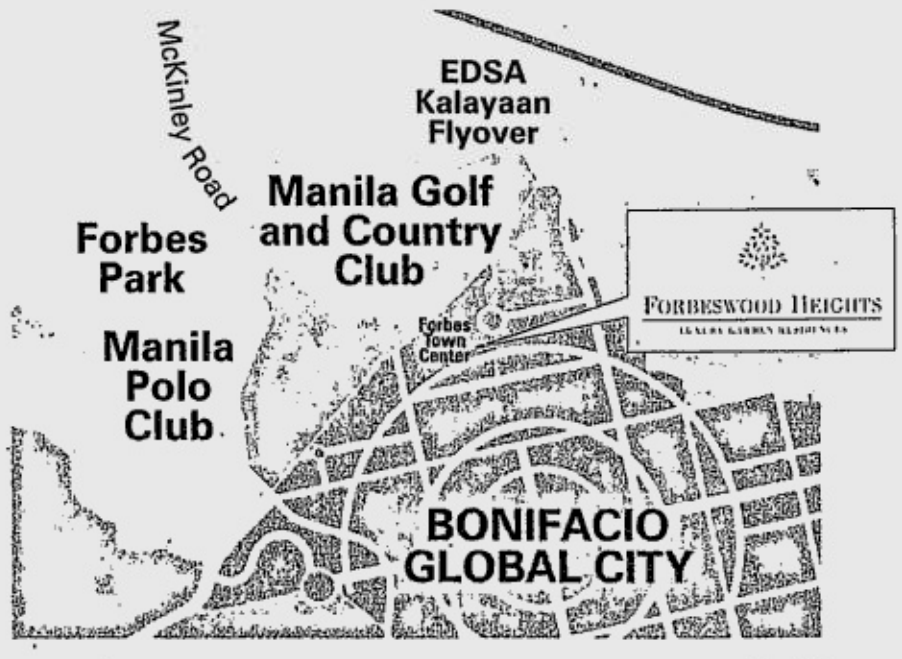

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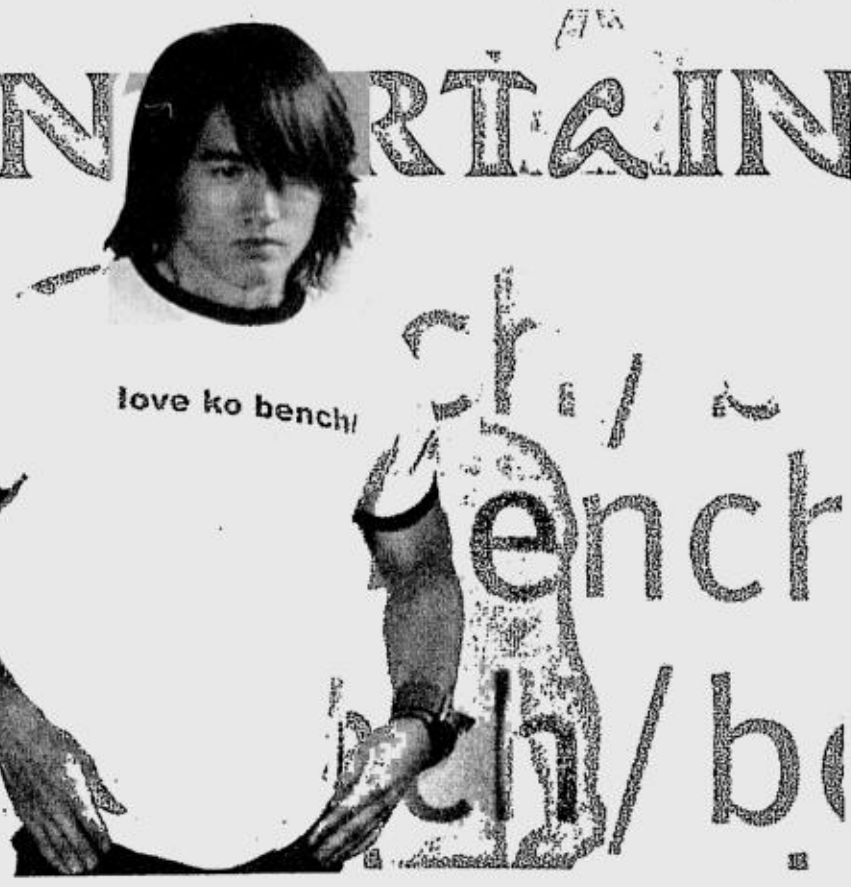


BENCH MARK. Yan asks his Pinoy fans to support other Taiwanese pop groups. CHITO VECINA

'Ah Si' ready to disrobe

By Marinel R. Cruz

TAIWANESE superstar Jerry Yan, also known as Dao Ming Si of the hit chinovela "Meteor Garden," is willing to pose in underwear in print ads for the Philippine clothing company Bench, which brought him to Manila for a two-day visit.

"I hope so," the Mandarin-speaking Yan said in English when asked whether he would pose in Bench underwear, like many of the local star endorsers of Bench.

About 300 fans, who packed Le Pavillon in Pasay City during Friday's press conference called "Love Ko Bench Jerry Yan," screamed when Yan gave this answer. The fans were wearing "Love Ko Bench" shirts and waving placards that said, "Dao is the reason we chose Bench."

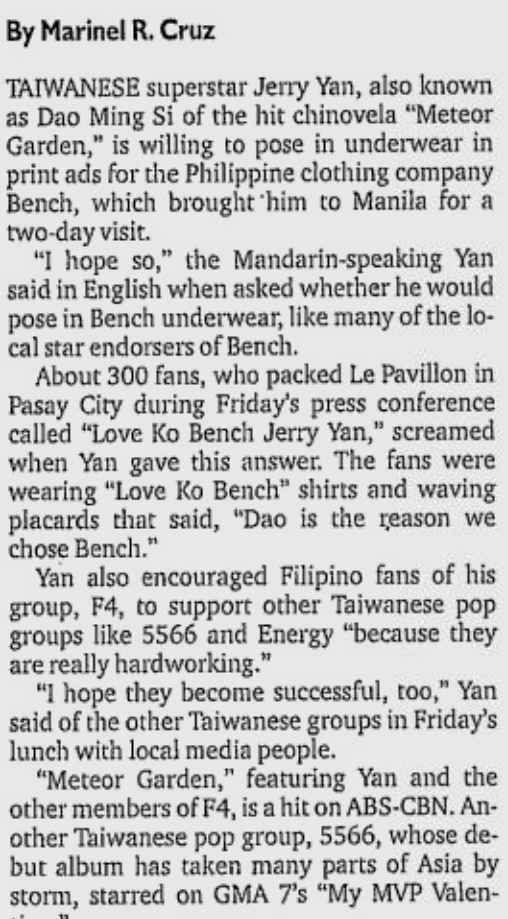
Yan also encouraged Filipino fans of his group, F4, to support other Taiwanese pop groups like 5566 and Energy "because they are really hardworking."

"I hope they become successful, too," Yan said of the other Taiwanese groups in Friday's lunch with local media people.

"Meteor Garden," featuring Yan and the other members of F4, is a hit on ABS-CBN. Another Taiwanese pop group, 5566, whose debut album has taken many parts of Asia by storm, starred on GMA 7's "My MVP Valentine."

The 5566 band had held the top spot in record sales charts in Taiwan, Malaysia, In

'AH SI'/ C6



REVILLA, the third Barbel

Will Bong Revilla run for senator, or will he not?

/C4

Argentinean hunk **Segundo Cernadas**, star of the telenovela "Monica Brava" who is in the country shooting a teledrama for GMA Network, is such a fitness buff that he scoured an entire fishing village in Ternate, Cavite for a gym. He finally found a small, hole-in-the-wall gym where he now works out every Wednesday. The gym requires no membership fee and only charges P15 per session.

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TV wish list

TELEVISION has become the most progressive medium in the land on point of technology, expanding market and commercial success. Unfortunately, when it comes to TV workers' attitudes, sense of responsibility and professionalism, and program content, treatment and variety, local television has retrogressed.

This gaping chasm between progress and retrogression practically cancels out the medium's plus factors that have emerged in the last, few years.

To salve the situation a bit, here's a wish list of improvements we would like to see on that peripatetic small screen that constantly glimmers in our living rooms and bedrooms, and subliminally affects our lives in so many positive and negative ways.

• On-camera TV talents should regard themselves not as all-powerful stars but as invited guests in viewers' homes. Thus they shouldn't behave any way they please, but they should respect viewers' rules and standards of behavior.

This is difficult for some TV talents to understand, because they are so full of their own self-importance. Also, some of them come from pretty unsophisticated backgrounds, so they really don't know how to behave properly in public.

Other factors: Some entertainers feel they have to do gross things to make their audience laugh. And others, especially talents on daily shows, get to regard the TV studio practically as their home, so they behave in public pretty much as badly as they do in private.

Whatever the operative reason is, TV talents simply have to make the major adjustment of valuing their viewers' preferences more than their own behavior.

• It's also key for TV talents to keep reminding themselves that, television being a For General Patronage medium, many children are watching, particularly during the daytime and evening hours. So, entertainers on the tube can't do anything they want, because it could disturb or assault the sensibilities of young viewers.

This is a major lapse that elicits a lot of criticism of TV people from parents and educators, who are worried that television is corrupting the millions of young viewers in this country.

If TV people become more aware of the presence of children, they will perforce be more careful about what they say and do in front of the cameras. No more green or brown jokes, no more sexy women brazenly cavorting on noontime TV shows, no more thoughtless, irresponsible and crass allusions to private bodily functions, etc.

The rule of thumb for TV talents should be: Would I be comfortable about letting my own children watch this on TV? If not, why would they inflict their objectionable statements or actuations on other people's offspring?

• TV programs should start and end exactly on time. Other TV cultures do this, but local TV is extremely unreliable and irresponsible in this regard.

It's time for local TV to become more professional, and professional includes the basic requirement of starting and ending a program precisely on time, so viewers can plan their viewing day.

What about you, dear reader-viewer, what improvements would you like to see on the TV screen?

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

TV talents should regard themselves not as all-powerful stars but as invited guests in viewers' homes

'Identity'

THE CATHOLIC Bishops Conference of the Philippines has put up Cinema (Catholic Initiative for Enlightened Movie Appreciation), a group that regularly views and evaluates films on point of their moral and technical elements. Here's Cinema's appreciation of the current film, "Identity:"

Technical assessment: Average
Moral assessment: Acceptable
Cinema rating: For viewers 14 and above.

"A middle-aged couple with a child who doesn't speak are driving in the storm in the middle of the Nevada desert when a shot rings out—they get a flat tire. The mother comes out of the car and is hit by a speeding limo driven by an ex-cop (**John Cusack**) working for a fading star (**Rebecca DeMornay**).

"They find shelter from the storm in a seedy motel, along with other strangers: a cop (**Ray Liotta**) who's transporting a homicidal maniac (**Jake Busey**); a newlywed couple; a prostitute who wants to leave her past behind, etc. As lightning flashes, someone tries to kill them one by one...

"As one character after another dies a gruesome death, the viewer is kept on the edge of his seat. Most thrillers, get you all tensed up at first, then go on a formula ending; 'Identity' starts with a formula beginning, and ends in a way you never thought it would. You would want to view it again, if only to spot loopholes, or clues to its mystery.

"Performances are superb, notably that of Cusack, the only one who doesn't lose his cool. Sound effects, lighting, music and cinematography all work well.

"This is definitely not a movie for children, but it does present an interesting case of how a deprived childhood can shape or mangle a human being..."

'Lovin' Feeling' singer found dead

DETROIT—Righteous Bobby Hatfield, the tenor half of The Righteous Brothers singing duo, who made "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling" a worldwide hit, was found dead in a western Michigan hotel, police said on Friday.

Hatfield, 63, was found Wednesday night by hotel workers in Kalamazoo, Michigan, after he did not respond to a wake-up call before a show. Police said there were no signs of foul play and that Hatfield apparently died of natural causes.

Hatfield and his singing partner, Bill Medley, got together in 1961 in Southern California. They were performing in a local bar as part of a five-piece group called the Paramours when a Marine shouted "That's righteous, brothers," leading to the name.

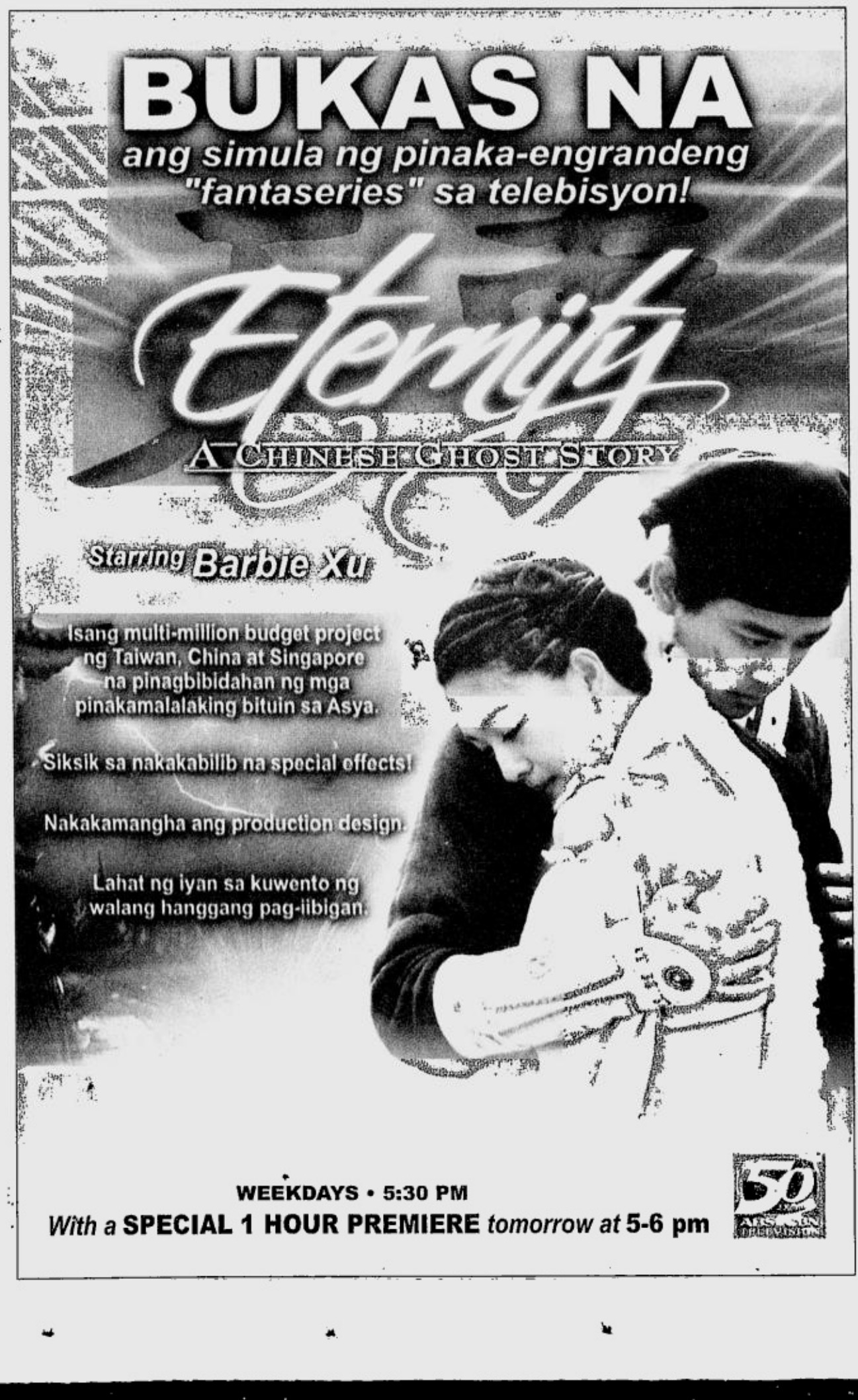
With producer Phil Spector providing his "wall of sound," The Righteous Brothers produced a string of hits in the 1960s, including "Unchained Melody" and "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration."

But "Lovin' Feeling," released in 1964, was their biggest hit, and industry experts rank it as the most-played radio song of all time.

The two split for a time in the late 1960s, but reunited and had a few hits in the mid-1970s.

Their star rose again in 1990, when "Unchained Melody" was used in the film "Ghost."

Medley and Hatfield were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year. *Reuters*



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"PARE'S" boyfriend Drew Arellano is host

IBC 13 shows classics on 'Retro'

IBC 13 cashes in on the phenomenon as it launches "Retro TV," Mondays to Fridays, 4-4:30 p.m. starting Nov. 17.

A creative concept by Gel Garciano and Rowie Valencia, "Retro TV" brings back the network's hit shows from its classic files. Drew Arellano, the Sunsilk boy who calls his girlfriend "Pare," hosts the show.

Mondays and Wednesdays feature "Todas," one of the most successful gag shows in the '80s with Joey de Leon, Jimmy Santos, Maribeth Bichara, Val Sotto, Richie da Horsie and others.

Political satire comes back in "Sic O'clock News" every Tuesday and Thursday, featuring Ces Quesada, Jaime Fabregas, Rene Requiestas and Khryss Adalia.

Dazzling production numbers make up Friday nights in reruns of "Sharon," "Loveliness," "Maricel Live" and other variety shows.

FPJ: the press, the pressure, and the presidency

YES!, the entertainment magazine I'm editor of, has been chasing the FPJ story for two months now.

For obvious reasons.

What's not so obvious is that the story is a killer.

Fernando Poe Jr., believe me, is a hard man to chase. I actually think he's made *not being seen* an art form, if not the very secret of his enduring celebrity.

He's said more than once: "When I have no shooting, I just stay home. I watch movies. I read. *Hindi ako lumalabas kundi kailangan. Walang gulo.*"

There's been no trouble from the local movie press, that's for sure. From the '70s onward, nearly everything that's been written about him has rung like studio material: official and safe. If anything personal found its way to print at all, 'twas only as blind item, and then never screaming enough to catch the king's ire.

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

We have to ask: Can the media bark have been silenced by the king's bite?

At YES!, we're still nosing around for the answers, but this much we've picked up: There's no love lost between FPJ and the press.

The press

Says **Ross F. Celino**, 15 years the PR for FPJ Productions: "FPJ was aloof. I hate to say this, but he doesn't like the press. *Komo ayaw siyang magpa-*interview *maski nuon*, 1963 *'yon ganu'n na, kasi walang naisusulat sa kanya kundi puro* negative. *Iyong masakit*. 'Is Ronnie the marrying kind?' *Ganyan. Kasi ang dami niyang naging* girlfriend... He had a brawl at a nightclub... *Talagang kung baga sa ano*, he practically lived in the tabloids. There is no week when he is not [in the papers about] some fights or scandals. *Hindi siya tinitigilan. Ay*, he was very provoked very many times. *Kaya* talagang he doesn't care about the press. He loathes publicity."

So what did FPJ do?

He snubbed the interviews.

But didn't totally snub the reporters. Those who went to his set were cajoled with, "*Mag-inuman na lang tayo*," but were ushered out still without those quotes. Even those who liked to get freebies off him were treated decently enough.

Like the time around 15 uninvited reporters suddenly descended on FPJ's "Alamat ng Lawin" set in Bohol.

FPJ/ C4

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FPJ on a spur-of-the-moment decision to appear at his supporters' rally.

Mafae: I'm determined to be the first

By Armin Adina

"RIGHT now, I'm hungry" quipped Mafae Yunon, reigning Binibining Pilipinas-World, when asked how she was feeling. It was, after all, 8 p.m. and the last meal she had had was lunch.

Nevertheless, Mafae remained both candid and sweet, traits that helped her clinch one of the three coveted titles in the Binibining Pilipinas in February.

Her victory was reminiscent of the triumph of her aunt, Desiree Verdadero, in the 1984 Binibining Pilipinas. Desiree eventually landed a runner-up spot in the Miss Universe that year. Now, Mafae will try to surpass that feat by gunning for the country's first ever Miss World crown on Hainan Island in the province of Sanya in China next month.

"I'm determined to be the first," declared Mafae. "I will do my best to bring home the crown."

The Philippines has not been as lucky in Miss World as it has been in the Miss Universe and Miss International contests. The closest it came to winning the Miss World crown was when Evangeline Pascual became first runner-up in 1973.

Born Maria Rafaela Verdadero Yunon in Manila on Aug. 6, 1981, Mafae and her family moved to Australia when she was 6, which explains her twang, although she said her parents brought her up in the Filipino way. She went to the Catherine McAuley School and then took up Tourism and Hospitality Management at the University of New South Wales.

The high value she places on family ties was evident in her answer to the final question during the pageant. To the question about peace, she responded that teaching peace should start at home, with the parents stressing the significance of love and that "war is not the right thing to do."

In 1998, the 5-foot-9 Mafae was crowned Miss Philippines-Australia. She was also Charity Queen for having raising the biggest funds for the Filipino community in Australia. She is not new to the limelight, for she has appeared in several commercials back there.

Mafae was not really into beauty contests but was, in fact, into competitive basketball. She was good at the game but had to quit because her father thought basketball was "too rough for girls." She then turned to tennis until she stopped before joining the pageant in Australia.

Excess baggage

She did not dream of becoming a beauty queen. But after bagging the beauty title in Australia, she found herself flying to Manila in 2002 to prepare for her participation in the Binibining Pilipinas, with former beauty queens as coaches, including her aunt and her aunt's friends—former Binibining Pilipinas title holders Gem Padilla and Sarah Jane Paez.

But she added that 1992 Binibining Pilipinas-World Marilen Espino "was the main person who really helped me get in Binibini."

Her mom also flew to Manila from Australia for the pageant.

Mafae confessed that whenever she feels homesick, she calls on God for guidance. It also helps that she brought with her loads of photo albums from Australia for the times when she feels lonely. In fact, she claimed, most of her excess baggage consisted of photo albums. But she said this would not happen again when she boards the plane to China.

"This time I'm trying to lessen my luggage," she said. "I'm bringing a photo of my family, that's the main thing."

When she won the Binibining Pilipinas crown, she had to prolong her separation from her family. Earlier, before flying to Manila, she called off her relationship with her boyfriend, although they remain friends.

Preparations

Of this year's batch of Binibini beauties, Ella Evangelista won the title of Queen of Tourism International in Mexico, which prompted Mafae to say, "That's one crown for us, let's get the rest!" But Binibining Pilipinas-Universe Carla Balingit and Binibining Pilipinas-International Jhezzarie Javier were not as fortunate as Ella.

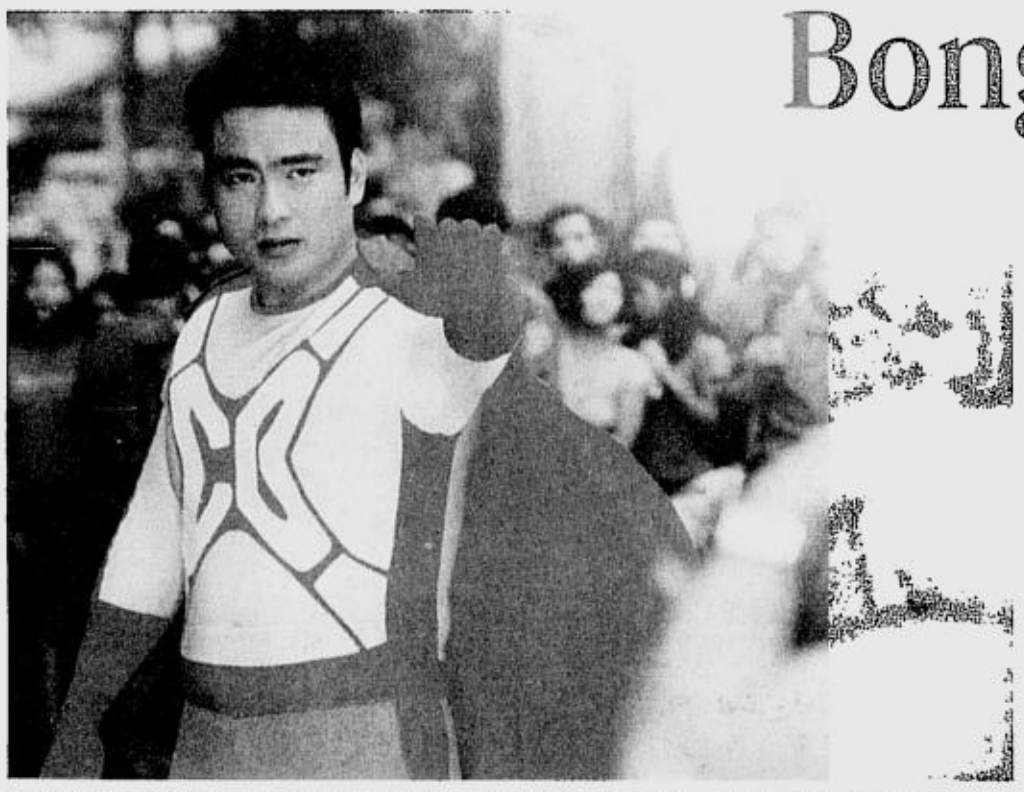
For the Miss World competition, Mafae went through rigorous physical training to achieve a fit figure. She also received tips on fashion and makeup from Ella and the former beauty queens. Last year's winners—Karen Agustin, Kristine Alzar, and Kate Manalo, was in the Top 10 in last year's Miss World—grilled Mafae with possible pageant questions. Zora Andam briefed her on current events. Mafae also studied basic Mandarin.

Mafae will bring to China a Filipino heart with an Australian connection. This year's Miss World pageant brings back the SMS voting initiated last year. Filipinos can again prove that their country is indeed the texting capital of the world. They can visit the pageant website at www.missworld.org.

YUNON brought photo albums to keep her company. RUDY ESPERAS

Bong Revilla: To run or not to run

By Nini Valera



ANYBODY can run for president, but not anybody can play Captain Barbel, says Revilla.

ACTOR and former Cavite governor Bong Revilla has not yet made up his mind if he would run for senator in 2004.

But Bong, 37, admitted that he had asked the Commission on Elections permission to appear in the movie "Captain Barbel," directed by Mac Alejandre and Premier Productions' entry in the Metro Manila Film Festival this December.

"The deadline for filing of candidacy is on Jan. 15," Bong told Inquirer Entertainment while he was being made up for his superhero role during a location shooting last Wednesday in Marikina City. "Let's just cross the bridge when we get there. I am still studying (the situation) very well, if I am still acceptable to the people."

Too late

Earlier, Bong had pulled out his own entry, the sequel to "Agimat," from the filmfest.

"I didn't know then that I could still appear in the movies and run for election next year," he said. "When we found out that it was possible, it was already too late for us to prepare for the movie. Luckily, I was offered the Captain Barbel role."

Losing in his reelection bid as Cavite governor in the last elections had traumatized him, said Bong, who belongs to Lakas, President Macapagal-Arroyo's party. But he also said that people in the party, like Speaker Jose De Venecia and the President herself, have been convincing him to run for senator next year.

"Especially my father (Sen. Ramon Revilla, who is serving his last term)," he said. "He wants me to run so there will be another Revilla in the Senate. But I just want to make sure. I don't want to lose again. *Nagkaroon ako ng* phobia (I developed a phobia) after losing."

But according to him, his name had turned up as number 3, 4 and 5 in three surveys on the senatorial race.

"*Nakaka*-flatter *din naman* (It's flattering)," he said. "*Iba naman ang nagbayad ng* surveys (Somebody else had paid for the surveys). It means that (people) recognize what I am doing in the Video Regulatory Board."

Rudy or Edu

As head of the VRB, Bong has been responsible for raiding establishments that sell pirated audio and video discs. He is proud that the VRB, under his helm and with only a P20-million budget a year, has been able to confiscate P5 billion worth of pirated discs and replicating equipment.

"Before, pirated discs were sold everywhere, but now, *bulong-bulong na lang ang bentahan* (they're peddled through word of mouth)," he claimed. "*Hindi ko naman mahuhuli lahat.*"

The names of fellow actors Rudy Fernandez and Edu Manzano have already floated as Bong's possible replacements in the VRB. But he said he would leave the choice of his successor to the President, who had appointed him to the anti-piracy body.

"It's not my decision, it's the President's choice," he said. "But I have said that when it comes to choosing who would take my place, the person's party affiliation should not be the only factor, but also his qualifications and his concern for the industry. He should not only be looking out for himself, but also for the industry."

Edu, like Bong, is with Lakas. Rudy ran as an opposition candidate in the Quezon City mayoral race in the last elections and is also a known supporter of deposed President Estrada.

"I've seen how Edu worked as vice mayor of Makati," said Bong. "He was okay. But I'm really leaving the choice to the President."

3rd Barbel

Bong is also faced with the tough decision on whom to support for the presidency in 2004, especially if actor Fernando Poe Jr. joins the race.

FPJ stood as one of the sponsors when Bong and actress Lani Mercado were married. Another presidential wannabe, Sen. Ping Lacson, is the baptismal godfather of one of Bong's children.

"That's the toughest question I've had to answer," he said in Filipino. "I don't want to offend anybody. FPJ, like anybody else, has the right to run for president. But he hasn't made his decision yet. Like anybody else, he has the ability to run the country."

But not anybody can play Captain Barbel, Bong joked. Only two other actors had played the Mars Ravelo superhero in the movies before Bong. The first was Bob Soler, with Dolphy as Enteng, Captain Barbel's alter ego. Edu reprised the role in the '80s with Herbert Bautista as Enteng. Ogie Alcasid is Enteng to Bong's Barbel.

"Even though I had played Panday, Captain Barbel is different for me," said Bong. "It's like playing Super Man, costume and all. I have to do all that flying."

Senators, after all, cannot fly.

RUFA MAE Quinto is villain Freezy

ALBERT MARTINEZ is Lagablab

DID YOU KNOW...

Former "Student Canteen" host **Leila Benitez**, who was recently in Manila to grace ABS-CBN's 50th anniversary celebration at the PICC, lost her expensive Fendi handbag only a few hours after she arrived at about 3 a.m. on the Monday she came last month. The bag, which contained US $2,000, a gold pill box and all her credit cards, disappeared while she was having lunch at the Makati hotel where she and her husband **Donald McCollum** stayed. Leila screamed, "Security!" but she complained later that hotel security personnel did not immediately attend to her. McCollum filed a police report on the incident. Hotel management, however, reimbursed the money that got lost and made the couple stay longer in the hotel. The hotel's public relations manager was said to have told Leila not to leave any cash or valuables in the safe of their hotel room. Two days after she lost her Fendi, Leila learned that a brief case was also stolen at the hotel lobby. RUDY ESPERAS

FPJ: the press, the pressure, the presidency

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Right, they were there to give the movie some coverage, but they were also asking to be reimbursed for their trouble, including their two-way plane fare. FPJ's publicists were aghast. But FPJ, wanting no one to go away embarrassed, had the reporters feted, shown around, and then sent off, reimbursed.

Surely, this couldn't have improved his view of the movie press. A view that, again, couldn't have been improved by the non-movie press, what with one columnist, and from this paper too, hitting him below the belt—literally—not two weeks ago.

Which makes it not terribly surprising, even if it is unsettling, that the camp of a probable contender for the 15th President of the Republic should announce: "*Wala daw muna pong* interviews." That was October, and no one over there can even say when the order, from FPJ himself, is to be lifted.

His own person

That, by the way, is the other thing that's killing about chasing an FPJ story: No one can say—except FPJ.

Well, it's always been that way with Ronald Allan Kelley Poe, 64, box-office king of Philippine movies for close to four decades. Now, nine weeks before the January 15 deadline for the filing of candidacy, the question is still: Will he or won't he?

He has all these ties that bind him to politics: *inaanak sa kasal* of **Ferdinand** and **Imelda Marcos**, *ninong* to show biz fellows who're now politicians from warring parties, *kaibigan* to **Erap**, **Danding**, **JPE**. And there are the ties that drive him away: his family's, his wife's, and his own instinctive dislike of politics.

But in the end, everyone agrees—from "Eat Bulaga's" **Jimmy Santos** who prefers that FPJ not run ("*Kasi alam kong tahimik na tao lang 'yan. Gusto niyan tahimik.*") to former censors chief **Armida Siguion-Reyna** who'd move mountains to make him ("FPJ will inspire the common *tao*... FPJ will restore hope where there is none.")—it is FPJ who will make the big decision.

No one else.

Certainly, not Erap. So claim insiders from both FPJ's show biz and political circles, who harrumph that FPJ owes Erap nothing, that it's Erap who owes FPJ, and that, well, Erap just has no hold over the man. They swear: The last thing FPJ wants is for people to say he's running to get his friend out of jail!

Senator **Tito Sotto**, cornered at Armida's birthday celebration last Wednesday, takes the same tack: "If FPJ runs, it will not be because of Erap. But it will also not be because of the politicians and the businessmen. It will be because the people want him to. *Ang sabi niya, ang gusto lang niyang pagkautangan ay ang tao. Para ang tao lang daw ang makakasingil sa kanya.*"

The pressure, the presidency

But, with no official announcement from Da King, speculation remains rife.

Lolit Solis, talent manager and FPJ believer, quotes **Susan Roces** telling her two weeks back: "*Wala, wala pang desisyon. Ako ba namang misis, 'di ko malalaman kung may desisyon na?*"

Ronald Constantino, veteran entertainment columnist close to the Poes, thinks back: "*Ilang buwan pa lang 'yon, noong panahon ng* promo *ng* 'Alamat,' *talagang akala natin hindi mangyayari. Hindi siya tatakbo. Pero ngayon, parang may nag-iba... Pero kung tatakbo si* FPJ, the industry will rally behind him. Ninety percent *'yan*, solid. *Maski na 'yong mga ayaw siyang tumakbo, susuporta.* If Ronnie runs, Susan will back him 100 percent."

Susan Tagle, 20 years in FPJ's employ, ventures: "*Pakiramdam ko*, he will run. *Kasi kung dati ni hindi pinag-uusapan ang pagtakbo, ngayon meron na siyang,* 'If and when *tumakbo tayo...*' *At nung sinabi namin sa kanya na maraming gustong kumonsultang grupo, mga* civil society groups, *mga* supporters, *sabi niya, 'Huwag muna.* When the proper time comes.' *E ngayon may* consultations *na.*"

The speculation is thick; the pressure, more so.

The anti-GMA camp tells FPJ: "*Ikaw lang ang puwedeng tumalo kay* Gloria."

Oppositionist Tito Sotto advises FPJ, "*Pag-isipan mong mabuti ang pagtakbo,*" after personally witnessing regular folk call out to FPJ: "Mr. President!"

The FPJ for president movement presents 2 million signatures petitioning him to run and mounts a rousing show at the Cuneta Astrodome.

And **Rudy Meyer**, a movie director long with the FPJ camp, says that wherever they go on location, the *masa* go up to FPJ: "*Kuya, ikaw na lang ang pag-asa namin.*"

How much longer can a mortal, even if he were king, withstand such flattery?

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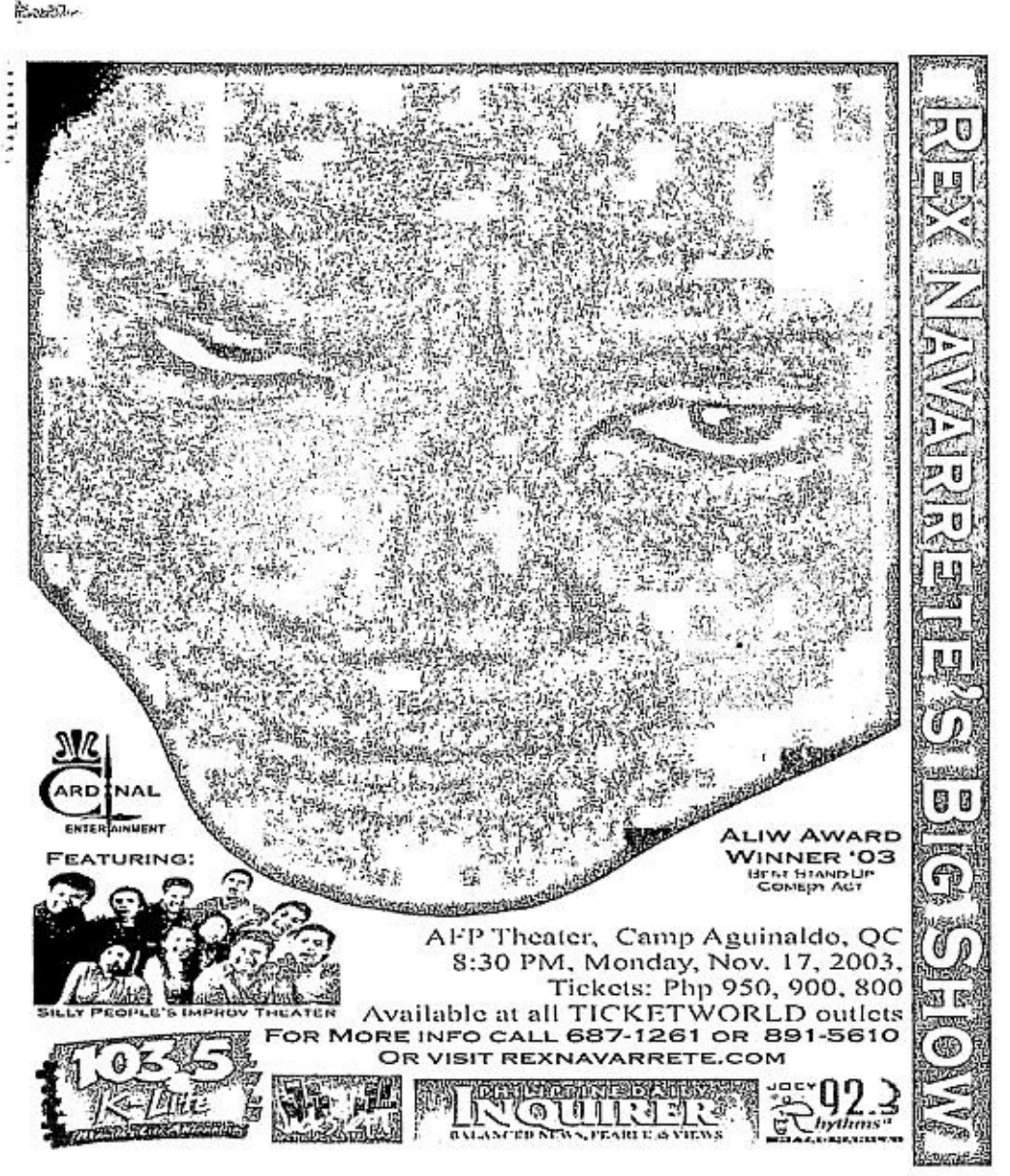
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On Nov. 22, Bishop performs this heart-warming classic at the Aliw Theater, Star City, CCP Complex.

The singer-songwriter is also known for such hits as "On and On," "One More Night," "Save It for a Rainy Day," "Never Letting Go," "Send a Little Love My Way," "Separate Lives" and "Walking on Air."

Bishop will be joined by his special guests, South Border and Lani Misalucha, in his one-night concert.

For tickets, contact Star City at 832-6121/22, TicketWorld at 891-5610, and TicketNet at 911-5555.

'Reborn' repeat

JESSA Zaragoza's successful "Reborn" concert at Ratsky's Morato last Oct. 22 will have repeat performances on Nov. 18 and 25, this time at the Hard Rock Cafe in Makati City.

During her Ratsky's show, Jessa sang her versions of songs by Toni Braxton, Donna Summers and Shirley Bassey, as well as cuts from her newest album from Star Records.

One of those cuts is her latest single, "Sana Magbuhat pa ng Una," composed by Tito Cayamanda.

Only four months after she gave birth to her and Dingdong Avanzado's first baby, Jessa is even shapelier and prettier than before. As her guest in the show, Ogie Alcasid, quipped in Filipino, "Did this girl really just give birth?"

Tickets to the repeat shows are P500 each, inclusive of two drinks. For inquiries, call 415-0373, 374-1361, or Hard Rock, 894-3611.

ZARAGOSA

Toti's farewell show at Merk's

TOTI Fuentes, internationally acclaimed keyboardist, composer and musical director, will have his farewell concert tomorrow, Nov. 10, at Merk's Bar Bistro at Greenbelt 3 in Makati City.

Fuentes was recently diagnosed to have liver and intestine cancer. He will be leaving on Nov. 12 for the US for medical treatment.

His show will also raise scholarship funds for the poor and for the completion of the altar of the Our Lady of Assumption Church in Malate.

Fuentes has performed with and directed singers like Rico J. Puno, Hajji Alejandro, Basil Valdez, Pilita Corrales, Anna Fegi, Nora Aunor, Celeste Legaspi and Jun Polistico, among others. He has also performed with Andy Williams, Anita Baker, the Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, The Platters, Lettermen, Sergio Mendes, Brazil '88, and many other foreign artists.

The concert charges no entrance fee. Door donations will be accepted by Fr. Nicardo P. Blanquisco of the Parish of Our Lady of Assumption Church.

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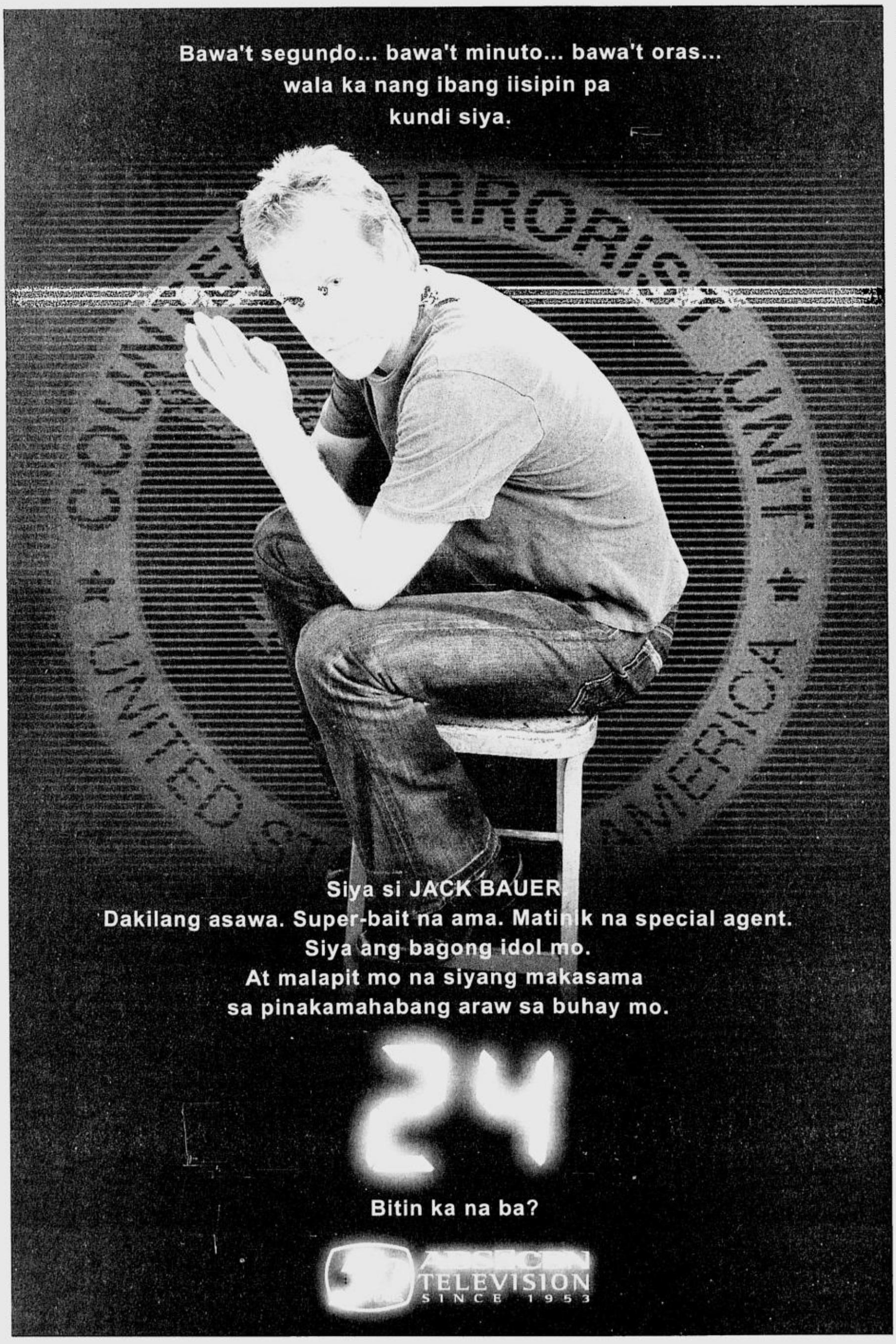

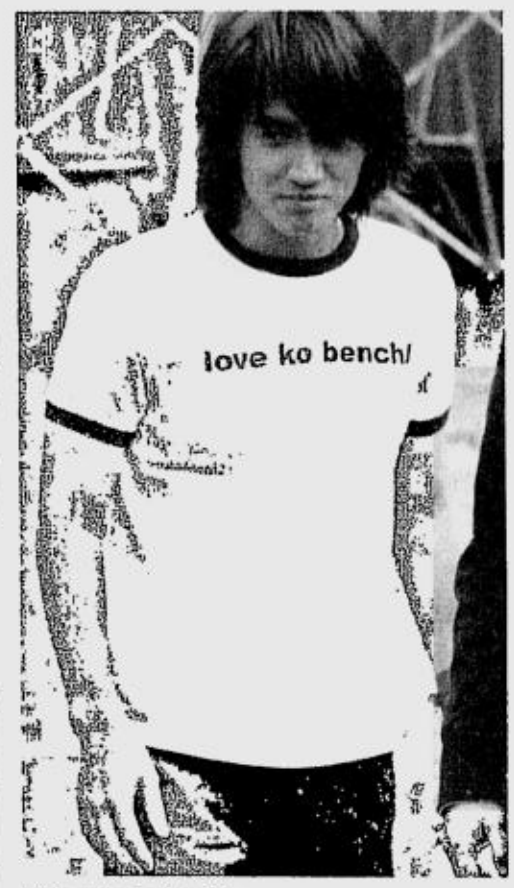

F4 is alive, insists Yan. CHITO VECINA

'Ah Si' ready...

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donesia and Singapore.

Of F4, Yan insisted that it has not been disbanded. He said he and the other members of the group were simply busy with their individual careers.

Yan said he himself has been making movies while another member, Vanness Wu, has been busy with his singing career.

Why they chose Bench

"I've answered this questions a couple of times already," Yan said of F4's reported disbanding.

"We have not disbanded," he maintained. "Given the right movie, we'll gladly work together again."

He said he hoped to have his own concert in Manila, too.

F4 has been described as "the biggest boy band in Asia."

Yan arrived in Manila on Thursday for a two-day visit, brought over by Ben Chan's Bench, which reportedly paid the star $250,000 or P14 million for the endorsement.

The singer-actor paid a courtesy call on President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacanang three hours after his arrival. He flew back to Taiwan Friday night.

Back on Nov. 28

He will be back on Nov. 28 with "Meteor Garden" costar Vic Zhuo, also known as Hua Zei Lei, to perform in "Happy 50TV" at the Fort open field in Taguig the next day. Also performing in "Happy 50TV" are Barbie Xu and her younger sister Dee Xu, who had also performed with F4's Vanness Wu and Ken Zhu at the Ultra last Sept. 13.

In "Meteor Garden," Vanness plays Mei Zhuo, Ken is Xi-Men and Barbie is Shan Cai.

Yan said he was grateful for the warm welcome given to him by Bench and his Filipino fans.

"I've had many ups and downs since I joined the entertainment industry years ago," he said and triggered another round of screams when he added, "It comforts me to see all my fans here."

Bench gave away over a hundred access passes to fans and Bench customers through its "Crazy 4 Jerry?" on-line promo.

"All the hassle of joining was worth it," said die-hard "Meteor Garden" fan Toni David. "I was able to take pictures of Jerry."

GMA is nice

From the Peninsula Manila in Makati City, Yan flew on board the Bench helicopter at 10:40 a.m. and arrived at the Le Pavillon five minutes later. Chan immediately ushered him to the red carpet media line.

Anchor Pia Guanio instructed local media to ask only questions about Yan's Bench endorsement and not about "anything too personal."

"If you still want to ask him whether he has a girlfriend, ask at your own risk," said Guanio. "I suggest that you just follow these simple rules. You only get to ask one question each."

But the local media people were persistent, asking Yan what he thought of President Macapagal and Filipino women, and the qualities he would look for in a girlfriend.

"The President is nice," Yan said. "I found her to be a very good person, an intellectual. I'm happy to have met her and the children."

Lively women

Orphans from the Asilo de San Vicente de Paul and Caritas, cancer patients from the Philippine General Hospital and indigent children receiving support from First Gentleman Mike Arroyo were allowed to join the President and Yan during the courtesy call last Thursday.

Beauty stylist Ricky Reyes also brought some children beneficiaries of his charity foundation.

"I see many beautiful Filipinas around," Yan said. "I find Filipino women very lively. That's what I like most about them."

Yan is finishing his first solo album, which Sony Music Philippines will release early next year.

He is reportedly also set to do a movie for Star Cinema early next year. Last August, ABS-CBN showed "Love Scar," which starred Yan and Taiwanese actress Karen Mok.

The network is also producing Yan and Zhuo's show at The Fort later this month.

Critics of Gibson's 'Christ' movie receive hate mail

NEW YORK—Two scholars who have criticized Mel Gibson's film on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ said Thursday they have received hate mail in response to their comments.

Sister Mary Boys, a professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York, said she has received harassing phone calls and hate mail by post and has saved about 85 e-mails from Gibson supporters.

Paula Fredriksen, a Boston University professor, said she had also been targeted, calling the missives "drive-by e-mail."

The women made the comments at a panel discussion about "The Passion of Christ" at a national meeting of the Anti-Defamation League. The organization's national director, Abraham Foxman, has been among the most vocal critics of the film, which is scheduled to be released on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.

"If the debate triggers that kind of response, what response will the movie trigger?" Foxman said during the talk.

Gibson's spokesman, Alan Nierob, did not return a call for comment.

Many conservative Christians who have attended private screenings of the film have called it the most powerful depiction they have seen of Jesus' final hours. But Foxman and others say the portrayal of Jews in the events leading to the crucifixion will promote the idea that they were collectively responsible for Christ's death.

Fredriksen and Boys were among a group of scholars who had read a script of the movie earlier this year and wrote a report warning that it contained historical errors and could spark anti-Jewish prejudice.

Gibson's representatives said the scholars had stolen the script—which the scholars denied—and that it did not reflect the final version of the film.

Boys said some of the e-mails she has received since then have questioned her faith, asking "Why have you turned on Jesus?"

One read: "You are the symbol of everything that is wrong with the Catholic Church."

Some contained "hard-core anti-Semitism," she said.

Fredriksen said Gibson feels he is being persecuted by the scholars, but she said their intention was only to correct mistakes. *AP*

GOV. MALIKSI

Standouts on 'Good A.M., Cavite'

"GOOD A.M. Cavite," a radio program hosted by Gov. Ayong S. Maliksi, today revisits the coastal town of Tanza, Cavite and focuses on an accomplished mayor, an outstanding student and the grand homecoming of a 54-year-old high school.

Although conceptualized for the Caviteños, the program is aired nationwide on 558 RMN Manila, Sundays, 9-10 a.m.

Co-hosting with Maliksi are RMN News director Benjie Alejandro and Cavite provincial chief of staff Nina Lagac.

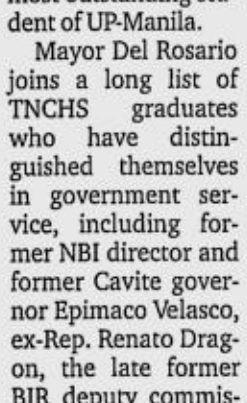
Through "Good A.M. Cavite," Maliksi updates his constituents and acts on their complaints in "Sagot in Gob."

Today's guests are two-term Tanza Mayor Munding del Rosario and members of Class '65 and Class '66 of Tanza National Comprehensive High School (TNCHS) who are organizing a grand reunion on Nov. 30 of all graduates since 1949.

Also a guest is Tanza resident Marc Louie Estacion del Rosario, one of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP) and most outstanding student of UP-Manila.

Mayor Del Rosario joins a long list of TNCHS graduates who have distinguished themselves in government service, including former NBI director and former Cavite governor Epimaco Velasco, ex-Rep. Renato Dragon, the late former BIR deputy commissioner and lawyer Romulo Villa, Central Bank Deputy Gov. Juan de Zuñiga and Trece Martires City Mayor Jun de Sagun.

To cap the TNCHS reunion on Nov. 30 is an evening concert topbilled by South Border. Proceeds from the show will fund the construction of an alumni hall in the high school compound.



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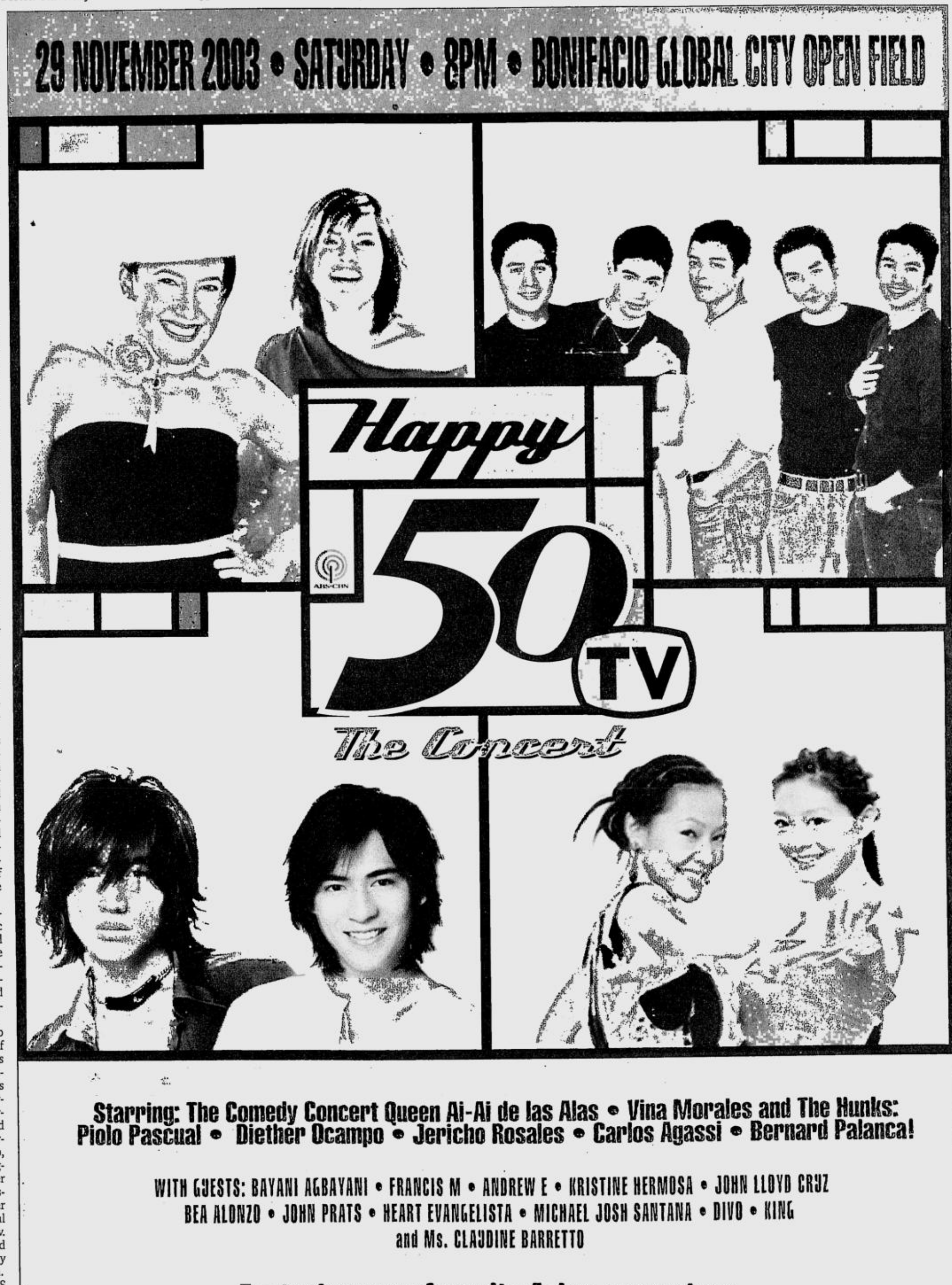

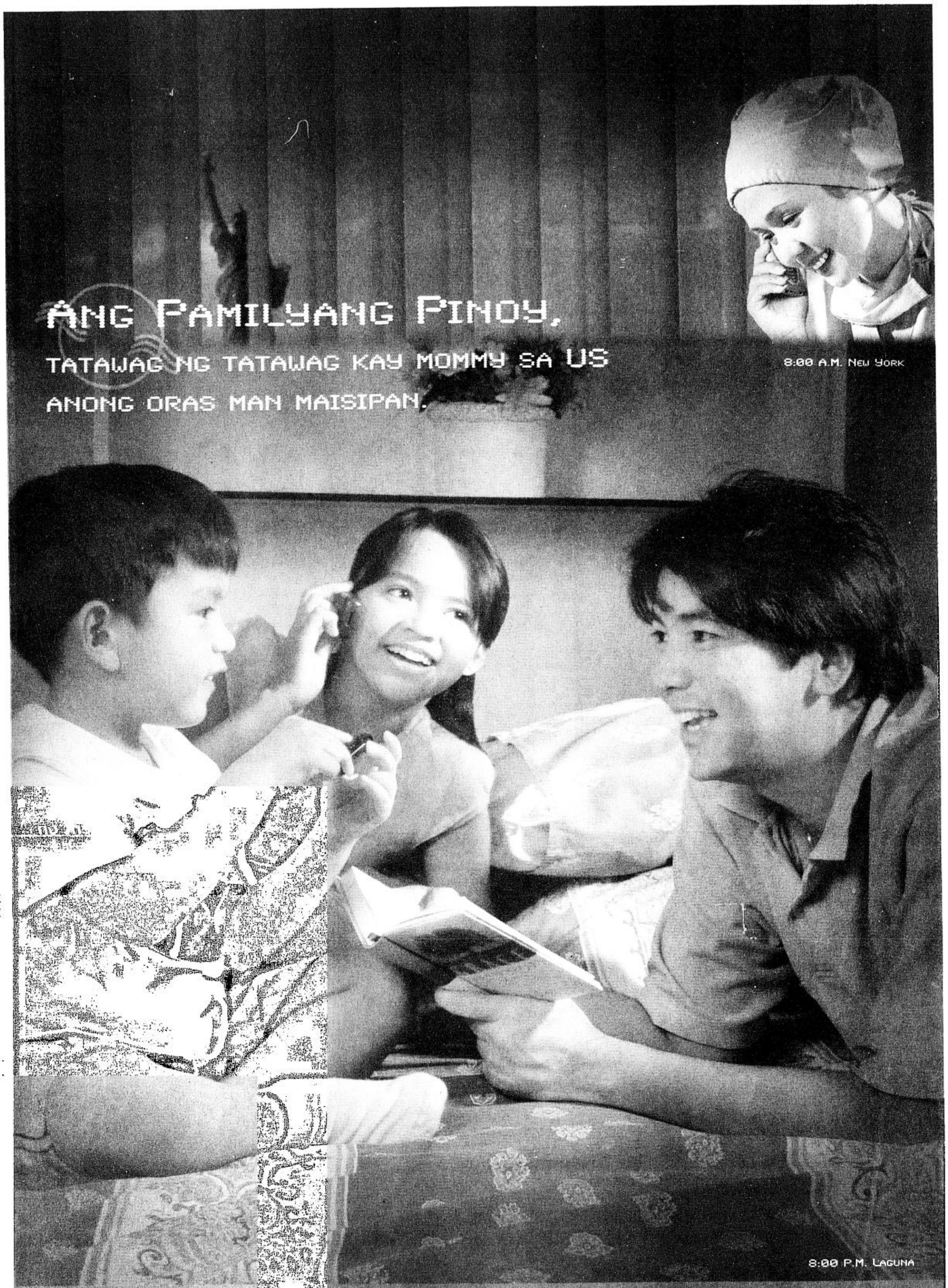

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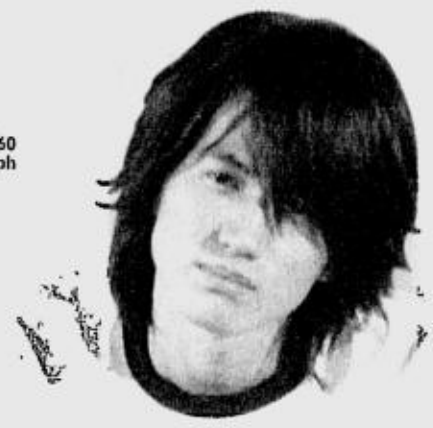

Meteoric Jerry Yan in Manila

OH, BABY, BABY... A multitude of Dao Ming Si diehards clamors to get an autograph of the pop sensation, but he is quickly whisked away after the 45-minute presscon.

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Chito Vecina

CRAZED fans can hope to see more of Jerry Yan soon. And by that, we mean more *of* him.

When a reporter asked if he would consider posing in Bench underwear, the Taiwanese pop star, arguably the most popular of the boy band F4, grinned shyly and answered through his interpreter, "I hope so," to the delight of screaming fans.

METEORIC/ D2

The shy Taiwanese heartthrob doesn't rule out posing in Bench underwear . . . so the fever continues

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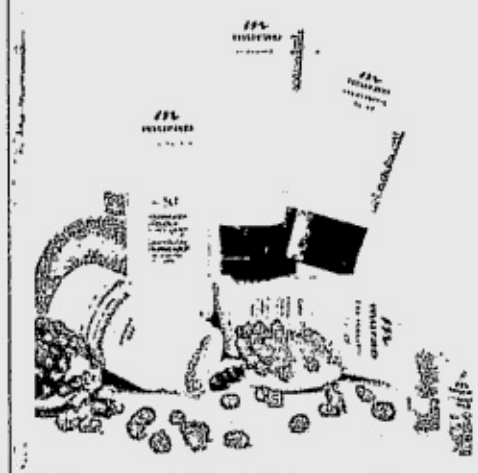

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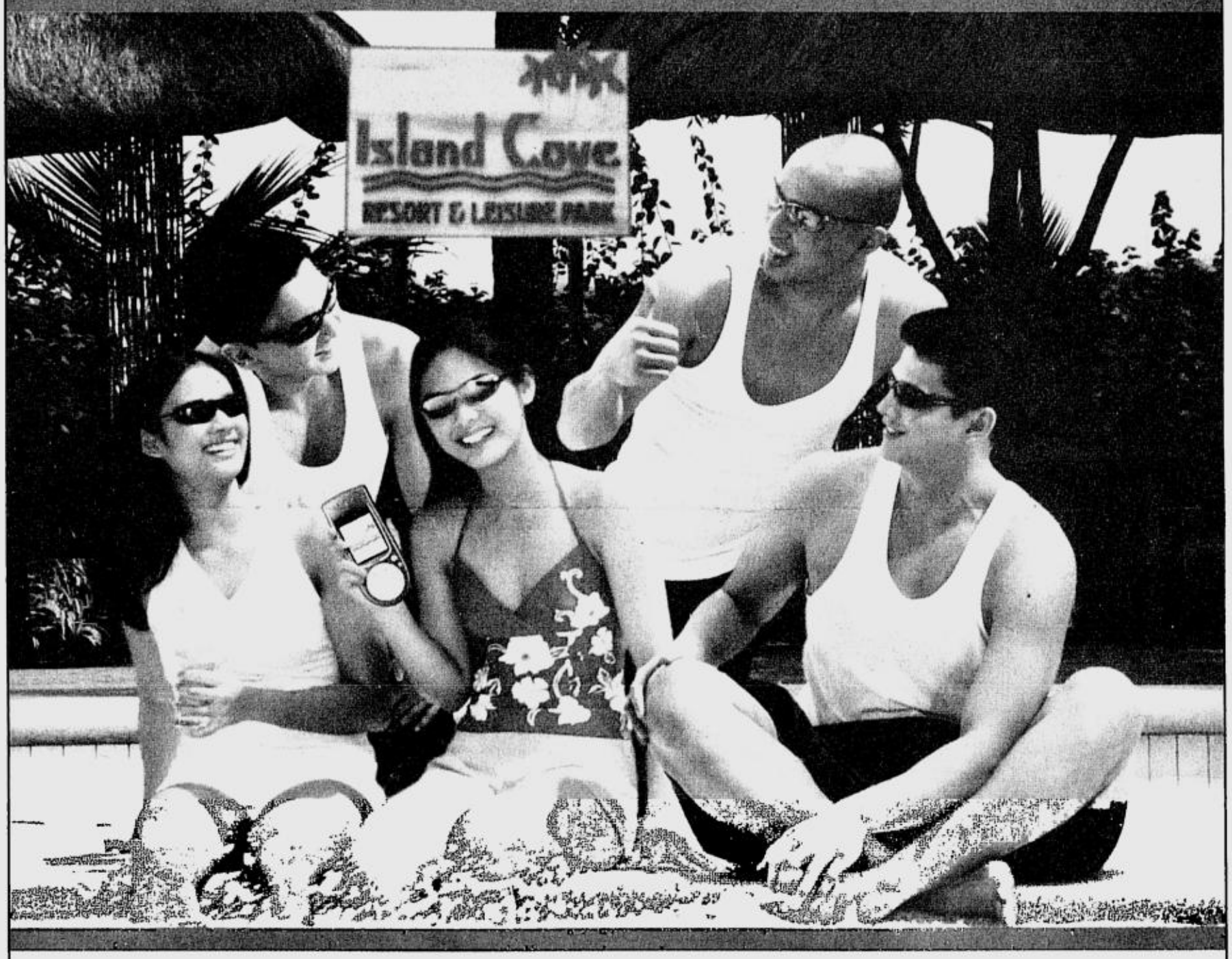

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YAN *NA SYA!* Owing to tight security, Yan's arrival at Le Pavillion from the Peninsula Manila is seemingly calm and uneventful . . .

Meteoric Jerry Yan in Manila

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Most pleased, however, was Bench's top honcho Ben Chan, who beamed and nodded appreciatively. Yan, a.k.a. Dao Ming Si (his character in the *chinovela* "Meteor Garden" that catapulted him to massive popularity in Asia), is the apparel's latest endorser.

At the by-invitation presscon held by Bench at the Le Pavillon in Pasay City on Friday, it was hard to distinguish the fans from the journalists and the journalists from the fans, as they went on shrieking frenzy each time host Pia Guanio gave updates on the star's whereabouts.

Perfumed matrons in chauffeured cars and *colegialas* in their school uniforms hobnobbed with fans donning identical T-shirts with the slogan "love ko bench" emblazoned across the front (the same tee Yan wears in the billboards and posters) as they patiently waited for the pop star's arrival. (The "fans" were reportedly Bench employees who had to draw lots for the chance to see their idol.)

Security was tight. Scores of uniformed security men were posted all over. Bodyguards in business suits were stationed at the foot of the stage. Cargo vans were also rented to secure his arrival via a chopper from the Peninsula Manila, where he was billeted.

A red passport-like invite was needed to get in. Journalists were restricted to only one question each, and were instructed to focus only on Yan's work and brand endorsement. "Personal and complex questions" were immediately shut down.

"It's a logistical nightmare," said a Bench representative, "but we wanted to reassure them (Yan's party) that he will be safe."

Bench reportedly paid a staggering P14 million for the endorserment. But the representative refused to confirm the actual figure. "It would be in bad taste," he said.

That may be true. But if the reception at the presscon was anything to go by, it was an amount well spent.

It was total pandemonium when the chopper bearing the good-looking star was flashed on the projector screen. Wild shrieks rivaled the sound system playing Yan's records. The suspense was palpable as it took a good five minutes before Yan finally alighted from the aircraft, onto the red carpet and into the sea of screaming admirers. He was wearing the same shirt as his Bench fans, a loose blue-gray denim jeans and a buckled leather cuff on his left wrist.

A small makeshift stage was set up outside for fans. He said "hello" on the microphone and, upon Chan's prodding, uttered the slogan for the Bench campaign. He flashed a boyish grin and said, "*Mahal ko kayo*," again to much applause.

Delirious cries welcomed the tall singer-actor as he finally stepped onto the presscon area. Visibly grateful for the opportunity to see the mop-haired Yan, the predominantly female crowd cheered, "I love you, Ben Chan!"

Before asking her one-question, a young journalist-fan giggled, "Jerry, *wo ay ni* (the Chinese phrase for 'I love you')," to which the actor smilingly replied in English, "Thank you." The entire room cheered in pleasure. They listened to the 26-year-old actor intently, unmindful that they didn't understand a word of Mandarin, his native tongue.

Permitted by security at the last minute, videocams, digital cameras and camera-equipped cell phones were brandished all over the place.

Yan, whose courtesy call in Malacañang on Thursday caused a similar commotion, described the President as an "intellectual." Of his patron, Chan, Yan said in halting English, "He's a nice guy. Every time I see him, he smiles."

He admitted his aversion to shopping, and professed his preference for casual wear. His favorites from the Bench collections, he said, were the underwear. When Lifestyle asked if he preferred boxers or briefs, he smiled bashfully, and simply said he liked both, to the dismay of eager fans who were practically drooling for juicier and more personal details about their idol.

"Jerry is sporty and that fits the Bench image," Chan said. "He has a lean and muscular physique that's a delight to dress up." Or—if an underwear endorsement deal is ever forged—a delight to undress.

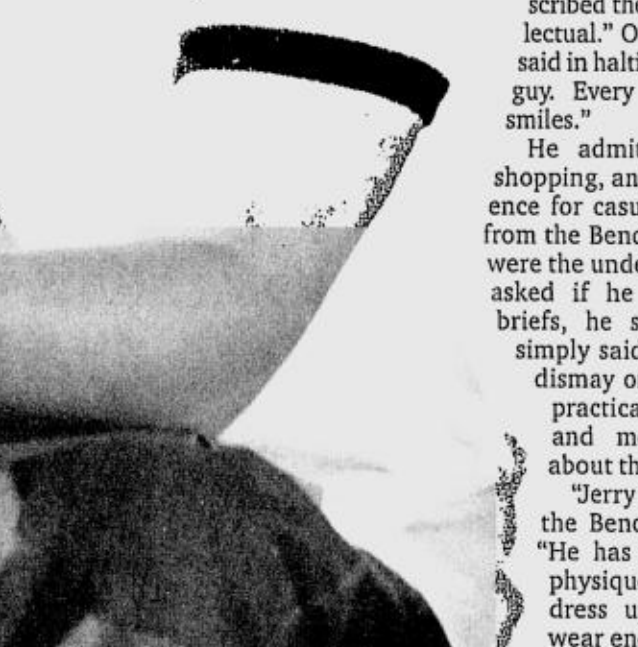
E-mail the author at cmoral@inquirer.com.ph

... THE SCENE inside the venue, however, is a different story: Yuppies and dignified-looking older women shed all reserve and call out his name...

... THAT he seems to be taking his sweet time to get to his waiting fans only fuels their anticipation more...

THE FANS ARE WAITING DAO. Finally, he is welcomed by Bench big boss Ben Chan, whom Yan describes as "friendly and warm."

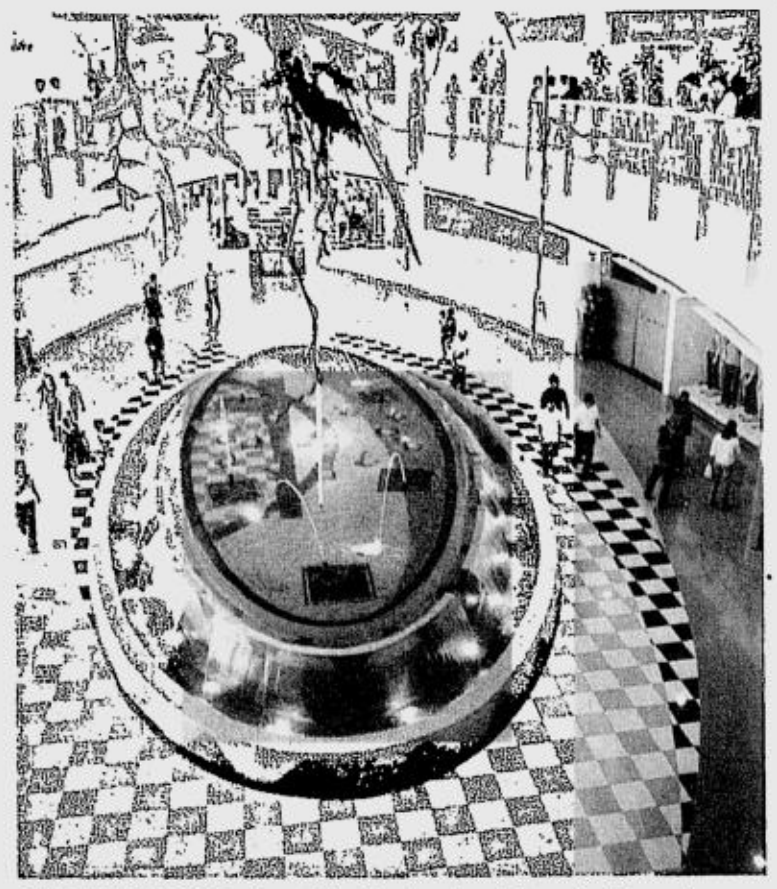
DAO SHALL RETURN. Yan, with co-F4 Vic Zhou, will return to Manila for a concert at The Fort on Nov. 29.



LOVE *KO* YAN. "Oh my God! He looked straight into my eyes for five seconds!" swoons a young journalist. "Now I can die!"

BENCHMEN. The pop star, here with Chan, confesses he doesn't like to shop and wears whatever they give him. Bench's simple and classic styles, he says, suit him.

Lipa City inaugurates new mall



A BREATHTAKING view of the dancing fountain and atrium of Robinsons Place Lipa

ROBINSONS Land Corp. (RLC) celebrated recently the opening of its 14th shopping mall, Robinsons Place Lipa.

Top city officials, popular celebrities, RLC executives, tenants and Lipeños joined the celebration, which started with the ceremonial ribbon-cutting. A star-studded show followed.

Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto cut the ribbon, together with Vice Mayor Fernando Manguera and city administrator Jun Dijan. They were joined by RLC executives John Gokongwei Jr., chair emeritus; Lance Y. Gokongwei, president and chief operating officer; Nilo S. Mapa Jr., general manager for commercial centers division; and Miss Robinsons second runner-up Joanna Rumohr.

The show hosted by Boy Abunda featured Dessa, Diana Zubiri and The CompanY.

Robinsons Place Lipa (RPL) has already been visited by over a million shoppers from Lipa and other Batangas towns and cities since it opened in October.

RPL is located on the J.P. Laurel National Highway, Mataas na Lupa, Lipa City, Batangas. Among the establishments in the two-level shopping mall are the Big R Supercenter, Robinsons Department Store, Robinsons Movieworld with five state-of-the-art cinemas and Handyman Do-It-Best hardware store.

TOASTING Robinsons Place Lipa's opening are (from left) RLC's general manager for commercial centers Nilo Mapa Jr., Lipa City administrator Jun Dijan, RLC president and COO Lance Gokongwei, Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto, RLC chair emeritus John Gokongwei Jr. and MISs Robinsons second runner-up Joanna Rumohr

Also in the mall are Lipa Grill, boutiques Sosyalera, Diandra Denise, Arte and Trendz; Mom & Kashly, a one-stop shop for expectant mothers and kids; Audio Mixx, a record bar; Time Zone, Ystilo and Bruno's Barbers, Jollibee, Greenwich, Tokyo Tokyo, KFC and Mister Donut.

The lobby of Robinsons Movieworld has the Urge pizza and pasta place, Beraldi Coffee Masters and Filipino fast-food Pangga.

Athletic types can check out Olympic Village, Royal Sporting House, Adidas and Airwalk Outland. Service centers, toy shops, watch and jewelry stores, as well as telecom and computer shops can also be found at Ronbinsons.

Making shopping even more convenient

ROBINSONS Supermarket, responding to perceived needs of customers, has introduced several innovations in its branch at Robinsons Galleria to make shopping even more pleasurable and less time consuming.

The supermarket beefed up its Fresh Department to offer more quality and very affordable food products like fresh fish and seafood from the best suppliers, local and imported; hard-to-find fruits and vegetables and different meat products There are also freshly-baked breads and pastries, as well as food-to-go and ready-to-eat selections.

Robinsons is also proud of its "Solution Centers" that include the Health and Beauty Aid Center and the Smart Baby Avenue. They offer consumers, not just products, but solutions to their personal, beauty and baby needs.

Faith Gokongwei-Lim, assistant vice president for merchandising, said everything on hair, skin, body and oral could now be found within a dedi-

FAITH Gokongwei-Lim, AVP for merchnadising

RUBY Alex, merchandise manager for non-food

cated, defined area—the HBA Solution Center—which is bright, with a modern lay out and is easy for customers to "navigate."

The HBA also provides free advice on health and beauty.

The Smart Baby Avenue, on the other hand, offers everything for mothers and their babies/toddlers like milk formulas, feeding bottles, diapers and baby accessories, among others, in just one distinct area that makes for easy shopping.

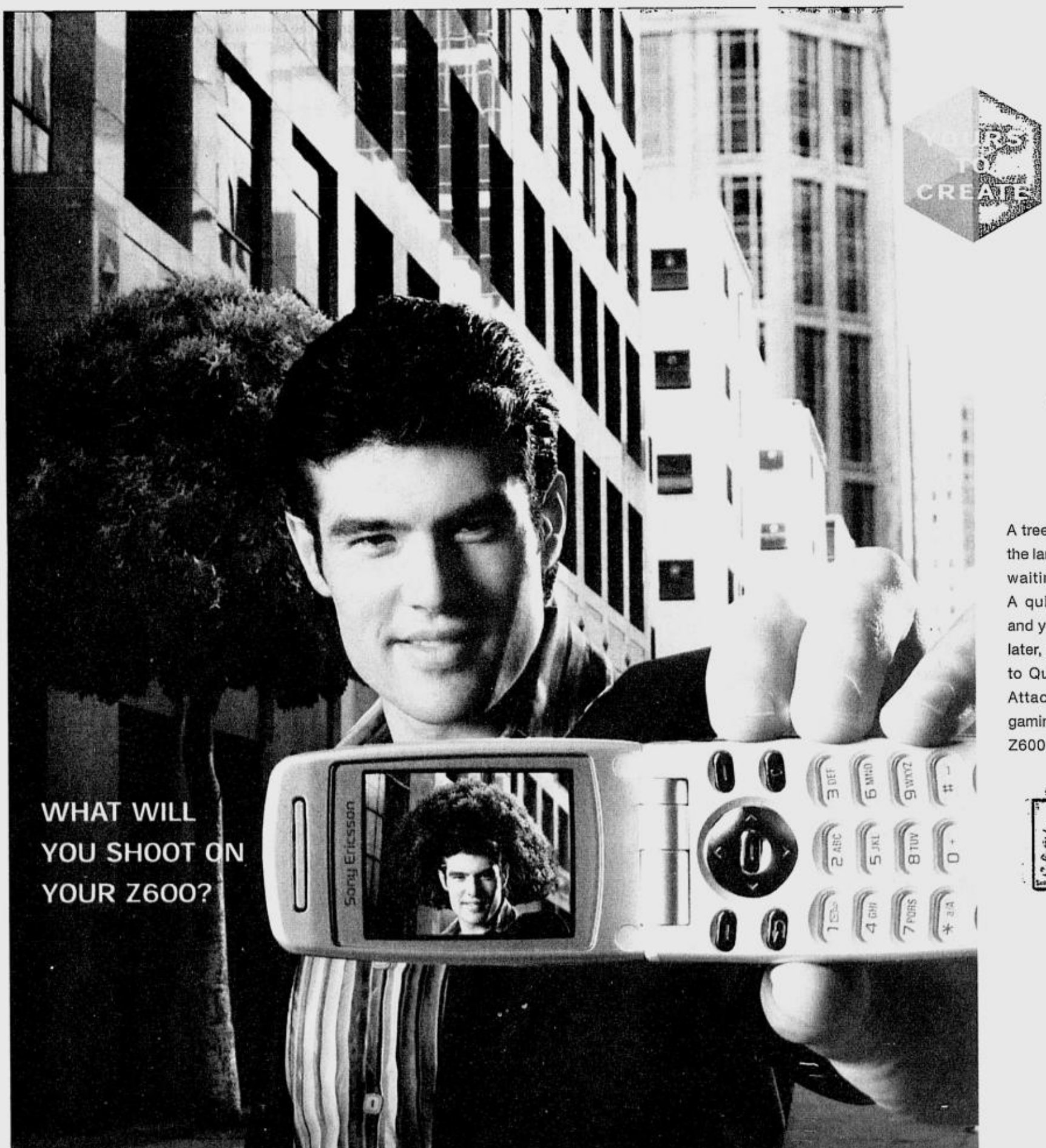
Customer also do not have to get out of the supermarket when they feel hungy. Robinsons Supermarket Galleria opened recently Asian Bites that serves reasonably priced, fresh and tasty Chinese and Japanese food for dine-in or take-out.

A photo shop has a studio for special photography needs (digitalized printing, portraits, restoration, fantasy shots and more).

Customers may also want to check out the WOW product displays where goods from consumer brand leaders are sold at attractive discounts.

The supermarket has refurbished its over-all look using larger signages and a more customer-friendly layout.

SMART Baby Avenue offers everything for mothers and their babies.



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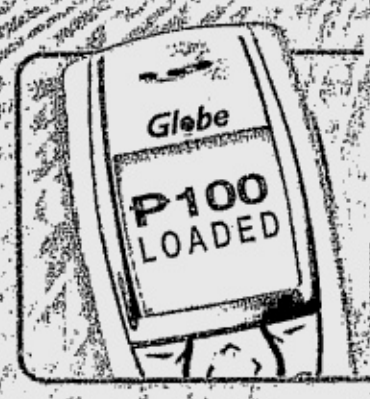

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Goodness gracious!

'I realized that to be truly happy, one must simply be true to one's self'

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

IN THE LAST meeting of senior women who regularly get together for dinner in each others' house, the topic decided on for our next discussion was "How to Grow Old Gracefully."

I made a wry face. It reminded me of those days when my sons, then in grade school, had such iron-clad ideas of what a graceful and proper mommy visiting their school should look like.

"PTA dress" it's now called, I was told—linen dress (not loose *batik* pants, please), pastel color with small flower prints (not lightning or coconut trees), neatly combed-back hair (no tangled curls), pearls and pumps (no sandals). Adults should conform, that's what I got from them.

Then in my midlife I received a gift book: "When I Grow Old I Shall Wear Purple." It was supposed to be a boldie. But I had always worn purple! And tangerine. And bottle green. And peacock blue. Also white, black, beige and red. My recurring fantasy had been to go to some grand affair at the Cultural Center, sweeping up the driveway in a brightly decorated jeepney with blinking lights and a dozen silver horses on its hood, its long pink plastic strips whipping about like *pancit*. Nope, wearing purple wasn't going to excite me.

Spare and simple

A friend suggests that graciousness in one's growing-old years has a lot to do with paring down, with simplicity. Well, I've had my brush with that.

In the 1960s, when our house was new and we were very young, our architect advised us to go to an interior decorator for our furniture because we didn't know what we wanted. The style for houses of the '60s was Japanese—spare and simple, low tables, long plain benches of wood with cushions, and round paper lanterns, maybe an elegant Japanese scroll.

The designer gave us just that. Your sala's so chic, our friends said, impressed.

I couldn't relate to it. Everything was just too quiet for my personality. I guess I'm not about "simple." Our new sala made me snore.

Paring off excess is the secret to life, I was often told. But what is excess? The less you put in your house and on yourself, the more evolved you are? But what if these are not "excesses" but are my necessities in life, like the sound of crickets, a patch of green, a piece of art, a macaroon to munch?

That was when I realized that to be truly happy one must simply be true to one's self. I was a variegated cornucopia. I could never be a plain ice-cream cone, that much I knew.

House in progress

Through the years our house has slowly become a visual overload. It is now awash with assertive Filipino art—paintings creeping up the walls, sometimes bursting on the ceiling into some bizarre flying sculpture. (I do not like cute clutter. I do not relish tourist art from other shores.) It is and ever will be a house in progress.

The bathrooms are creations of my artist friends. I know I will soon have paintings all over the ceilings and doors as long as there are new artists to discover.

Today, sculptured "creatures" guard the inner garden and unsettle some visitors. So the house now suits me fine.

As for my mate, as long as there is a ceiling fan whirring above him and enough light to see some gourmet food on his plate, he's at home. The art kind of works its way around that fluorescent light and the ceiling fan.

The house overflows with the vibrations of the many people who have broken bread in it—a variety of ages, sexualities and interests. I enjoy the company I keep. I like their passion for living, the wildness of their imaginations and the fearlessness of their quests.

But I like, too, my husband's guests and relatives because they pull me down to earth. Maybe the house reflects the richness of our lives today, the many windows that have opened since we entered our senior years.

As for my body—especially my face—once used only to the barest of essentials now has been ensnared by mercantile beauty aids supplied by my children and indulgent daughters-in-law. I wallow in the luxury of Shu Uemura, Magie de Lancôme and L'Occitaine lipsticks, Nu Skin and Clinique moisturizers, Bobbi Brown foundation and eye pencils, Lush soaps

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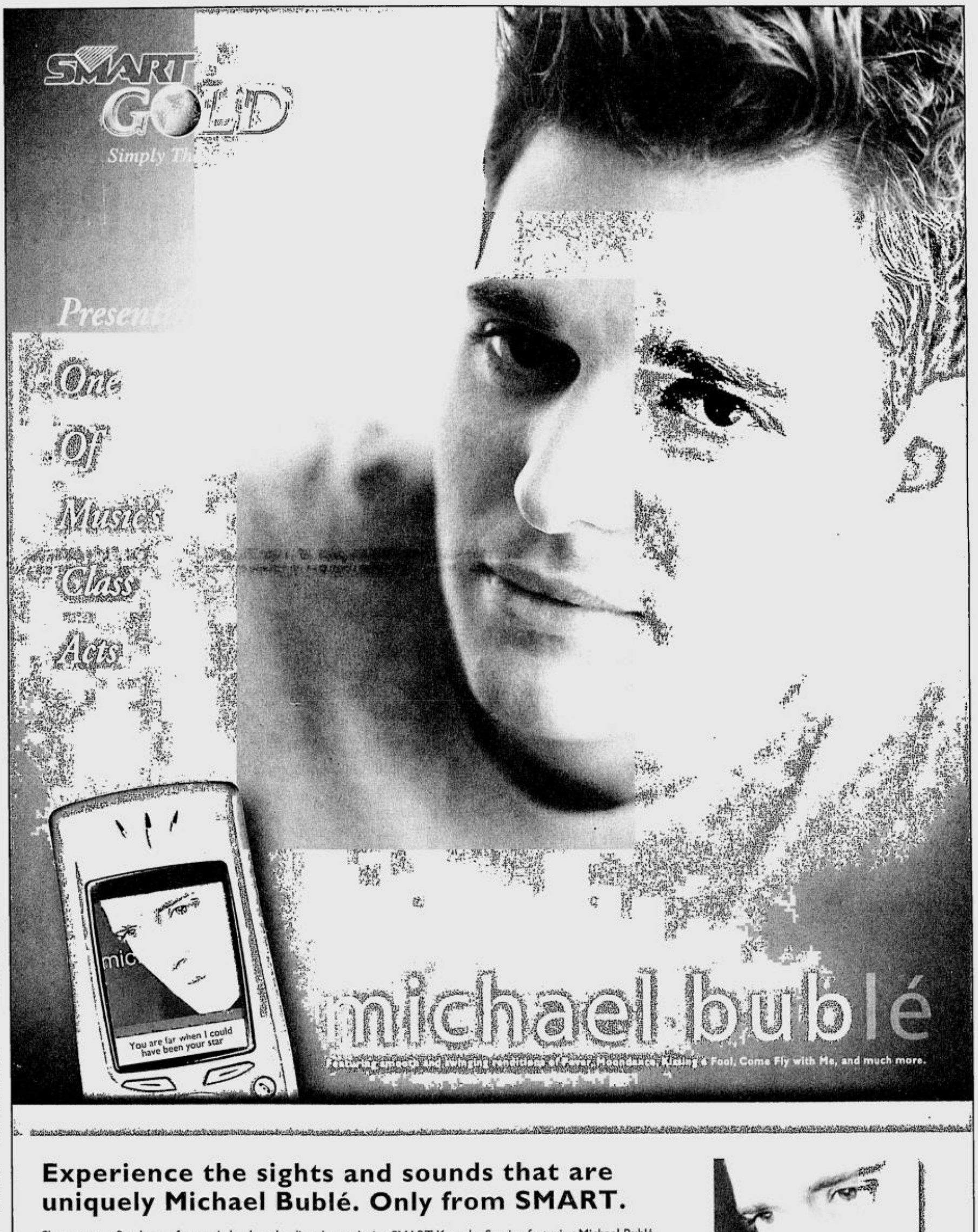

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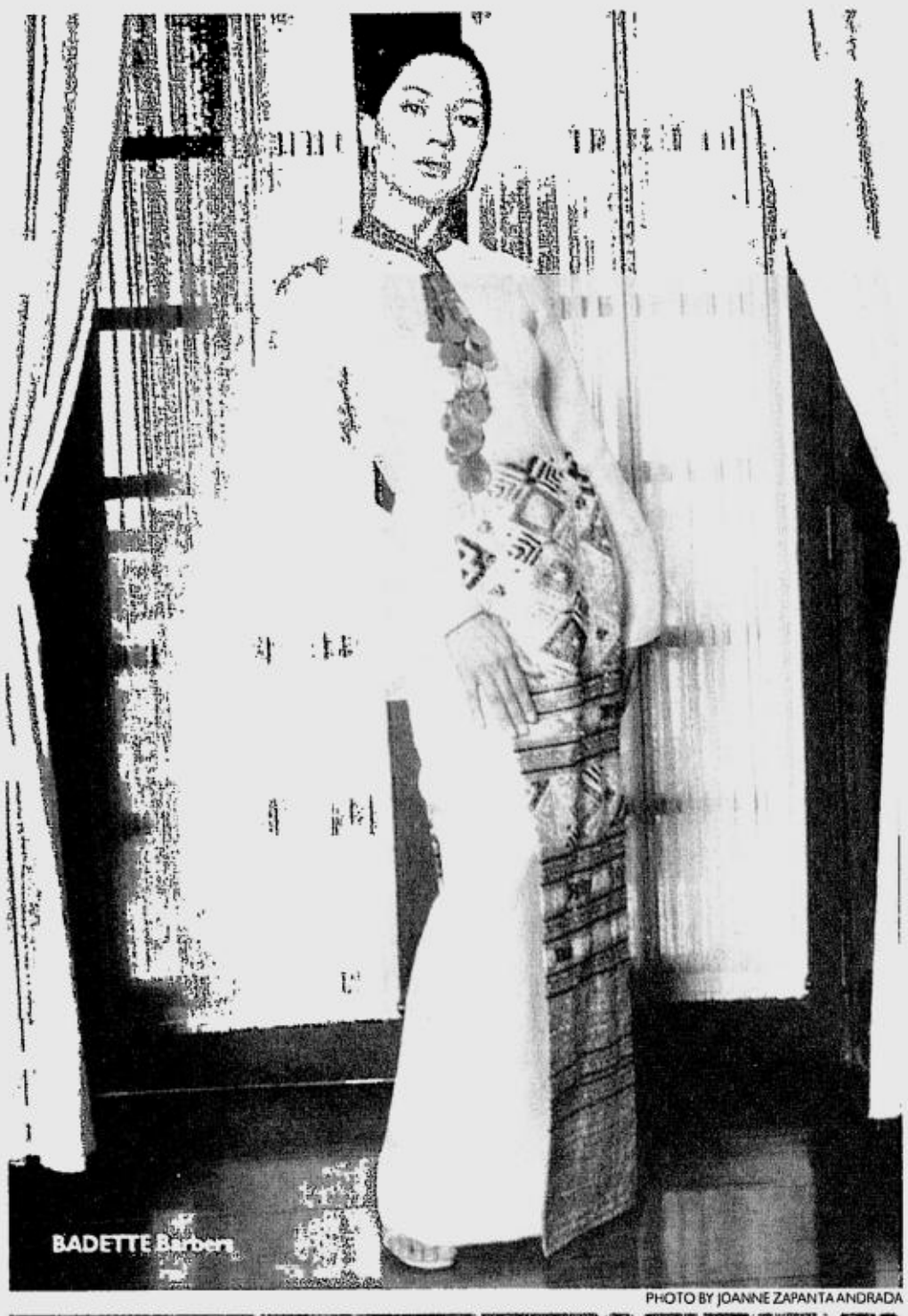

BADETTE Barbers

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ROSIE Lovely Romulo, Gina de Venecia, Marikina City Mayor Marides Fernando and Milagros Drilon

Book on Philippine fabrics and fashion to be launched

SOCIAL Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman

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"BARO: Philippine Fabric and Fashion" will be launched on Nov. 28, 6 p.m., at the Bahay Pangarap, Malacañang Park.

The book features top women civic leaders wearing outfits in *piña* and other Philippine fabrics. Along with the photographs are related articles written by writers Maria Abulencia, Karl de Mesa, Ino Manalo, Tata Mapa and Norma Respicio.

Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando supplied the foreword, while Mons Romulo-Tantoco is book editor.

The book aims to help promote the country's indigenous fabric industry and serve as a resource material for grassroots producers and researchers.

"Baro" is published by the Cabinet Spouses Foundation, Senatorial Spouses Foundation, Congressional Spouses Foundation and the Metro Manila Mayors' Spouses Foundation.

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LULI Arroyo

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Goodness gracious!

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galore. I love it when my progeny haul me off to a facial or maneuver me into a spa.

Expressions of affection

For me these are tangible expressions of how much they love me, and desire for me to look good. I suppress the urge to say there are thousands of Filipinos starving, one luxury lipstick is meals for a whole family, why don't you just make a donation to the poor? Because I think that is true poverty of the spirit: to deny them and me spontaneous expressions of affection.

If my husband and I have raised our children well, there will always be a share of their hearts and their pockets for those who have less. And makeup for me, too!

Because that is the essence of abundance. Maybe my children know it more than I do, that there is never a shortage of anything in God's universe. Only one's mind limits the stuff that can be accessed.

(Of course, abundance can be overstretched. My granddaughter poured a whole bottle of virgin olive oil on her body and all the honey in the kitchen because she had read somewhere that they make you beautiful.)

Maybe what I really want more than "growing old gracefully" is just to be authentic. Maybe that was what I was searching for all my life. The courage to be me. Not someone I'm supposed to be, or psych myself to be—not the accepted model of propriety in pink linen slacks and a signature handbag.

I can't live imprisoned in someone's idea of a fashionable home. I need to fly, to dance a storm, to taste the sky! And, like the favorite song of the karaoke bars that its singers get shot for, maybe it's okay if I did it my way.

But do I really know me? It takes a lifetime to know oneself—one changes (hopefully evolves) from year to year. There is always some newly emerged snake to battle with, to tame, to integrate or to regurgitate. But also enough angels to cheer one on the path to a dream. It is a forever process.

World in balance

Once, I confided to my best male buddy, Teddy, some of the riskier things I had attempted in my life (none of them immoral or fattening) and others that I am determined to do.

He applauded silently. You make up for the 3 million other women who can't or won't do that, he said. It keeps the world in balance.

Whatever that meant, it made me feel good. But then Teddy is such a counterculture guy himself. (Sigh.)

I suddenly recalled all those admonitions I would get from well-meaning friends and relatives whenever I overstepped the line with a suggestion that was out of the box, a quirky dress or some article I wrote that they felt was "much too personal" or "too revealing," something that pushed them out of their comfort zone. It made me feel like an exhibitionist, a guilty streaker.

But then I remembered all the women

> 'Maybe what I really want more than growing old gracefully is just to be authentic... I can't live imprisoned in someone's idea of a fashionable home'

within my memory, who not just skirted propriety, as I did, but really and truly broke rules: in the '60s, a lovely woman married to a decent and handsome executive, who ran away with a Frenchman; a society matron who couldn't stand her lonely millionaire's life and eloped with a military man; a young friend who got herself willingly deflowered in Hong Kong by a faithless womanizing cartoonist; a gay friend who "married" his very gay partner in a scandalous public ceremony and opened a successful bar afterward.

They had ventured out of the fold, gone out of bounds. And yet whatever it is they had done 40 or so years ago is something now taken for granted—no more raised eyebrows, parents now taking on the progeny they leave behind or produce or the spouse that has been abandoned. They are no longer branded scarlet women (or deviant men).

Society has changed. Some will say for the better because it is now more accepting, some will say for the worse because shouldn't we just button up our blouses again and be as pure as we thought we were before all this sexual revolution?

It was the originals who got barbecued—ostracized by family, high society, civil law or Church. Did they help the evolution of the planet any? What did their then outrageous acts accomplish?

Well, for one thing, maybe single mothers are now no longer pariahs, many of them marry other men and become responsible wives and parents. Homosexuals are no longer bashed black and blue by machos as they were some decades ago simply because they did not wish to be men.

Pushing social boundaries

Mavericks and free spirits, with or without being aware of it, push the boundaries of social tolerance and understanding a little wider. What would we do without *ladlad* girls and boys? (For one thing, life would be so boring.)

Imagine if no one dared question the status quo, did not break stereotype. Things would be stagnant. The world would stand still. But, of course, everyone is after freedom. It is the soul's natural quest. The only thing true freedom asks for is responsibility, to be answerable for one's acts, to be aware of and accept the consequences.

Saints did. So did sinners. So do ordinary individuals like us. We break society's stuck-up little rules of propriety when they become unbearable, counterproductive and onerous. Pinoy society's tiresome old threat still holds: "What will people say?" "What will the neighbors think?" Cross the line and you're dead.

But only in our earlier growth do we rely on outside forces to tell us what is right or wrong (advice that could well be all shot, too). As we evolve, we become more discriminating and free ourselves from social pressure.

We realize that everything boils down to a matter of choice, that is why there are so many options and alternatives. Our higher self recognizes the better choice but, of course, we may choose to ignore it.

People like me don't really cross the red line. We're not the sprinters. We skirt the edge of the line, we flirt with the boundaries, but we're really in safe waters because we still desire to be part of society.

We make quick dashes here and there only when we can no longer breathe the stale air, hoping to make a small difference. But we dare only as far as it does not harm our husbands, our livelihoods and our children. It moves the boundary just a hairline, but to observers it already seems like such a shocking (or glorious) leap to freedom.

So maybe I shouldn't even try to grow old gracefully if its definition is safety. It's only a value judgment of others. Lovers and artists breach the line all the time.

China marks 54th founding anniversary

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Jaime Picornell

A GRAND reception hosted by Consul **General Wu Lianqi** marked the 54th founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

Held at the Atlantic Hall of the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel, it was attended by a cross section of Cebu's business, government and cultural communities.

Consul General Wu gave an eloquent speech about China's great strides in the past five decades and led a toast to the continued friendship between the two nations.

On behalf of Cebu Gov. **Pablo Garcia,** his daughter **Gwendolyn Garcia Codilla** gave the response.

Another well-attended diplomatic reception was held at the Grand ballroom of the Marriott Hotel, hosted by lawyer **Augusto Go** and his wife **Elizabeth Gan Go**.

This was to meet the Ambassador of South Korea and Mme. **Son Sang-Ha**, who had come for the inaugural of the Korean Consulate Office in Cebu.

Previous to this event, Augusto Go had been inducted Consul General ad honorem of South Korea for Cebu. He, Elizabeth and their daughter **Candice Cotianuy,** received numerous well wishers.

The consular office is located at the new building of the University of Cebu (in Banilad), of which Augusto is the president.

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Wedding bells have been ringing from far and near.

Maria Cristina Olano and **Edward Redford Abelgas** recently tied the knot in St. Anne of the Sunset Catholic Church in San Francisco, California. She is the lovely daughter of **Vilma Ouano Olano** and the late **Ignacio Olano;** he is the son of Mr. and Ms **Edgar Abelgas.**

Friends and relatives in Cebu await their coming.

Pia Almendras, daughter of **Ruben** and **Linda Almendras**, and until not so long ago the PR manager of the Waterfront Hotel, had an altar date with **Manuel Pascua** on a Saturday night at the Cebu Cathedral. He is the son of **Ricardo** and **Clarissa Pascua.**

The reception was at the Waterfront's Atlantic Hall. The excellent buffet was followed by ballroom dancing.

Nicole Marie Limkakeng and **David Joseph Caparas** also chose the Cebu Cathedral for their wedding and the Atlantic Hall of the Waterfront for the reception and dinner.

She is the pretty daughter of Dr. **Ishmael Limkakeng** and **Esther Chan Limkakeng;** he is the son of **Roy** and **Carolina Caparas.** The church and reception were splendidly arrayed with flowers by **Teresing Mendezona** and **Pinky Chang.**

For their part, **Col. Zosimo Angan** and his bride of 45 years, **Connie**, celebrated their wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows at the St. Therese Parish in Lahug. They were surrounded by their children with spouses, and all the grandchildren.

Former President **Fidel Ramos**, a dear friend of the family and a colleague of Col. Angan in the Philippine Constabulary, came to Cebu to wish the celebrants well.

At the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel, another dear friend and "*balae*," Chief Justice **Hilario Davide,** led the toasts. His wife, Ms **Virginia Davide**, sang a love song to them, and the Lahug chapter of the Catholic Women's League, of which Ms Angan is president, was on hand to serenade the blissful couple with love ballads.

The Angans' six children and 15 grandchildren had a hand in preparing a video about the couple, stressing their humble beginnings, the distinguished military career of Col. Angan, and Connie's exemplary dedication as a nurse, wife and mother.

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The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and Pusod, a Cebuano organization for visual artists, recently held what surely is the most successful art show at the SM Cebu Art Center so far.

Titled "Atubangay: Making the Local," the show averaged 400 visitors daily.

"That is based solely on those who signed the guest book," says **Palmy Pe-Tudtud**, the project's coordinator.

The participating Cebuano artists were: Banig project—**Archie Zabala** and **Rosalia Fajardo**; terra-cotta project—**Joel Hufanda** and **PG Zoluaga**; Video project—**Peque Gallaga** and **Manny Montelibano**; Design project—**Christie Manguerra** and **Kenneth Cobonpue**; Mural project—**Jutsze Pamate** and **Babu Wenceslao**; and Solo project—**Jonathan Verga.**

NCCA's **Dinggot Prieto, Ambie Abaño, Araceli Salas** and **Christopher Rollo** were among the prominent guests at the opening day. Much congratulated was the exhibit's curator, **Estela Ocampo Fernandez.**

ZOSIMO and Connie Angan (center) with their children: (from left) lawyer JunJun and Jobel Davide, Chicho and Baby del Rosario, Teng Angan, Zosimo Angan Jr., Jojo and Lody Angan, Lyndon and Jingjing Angan

CONSUL General Wu Lianqi of the People's Republic of China

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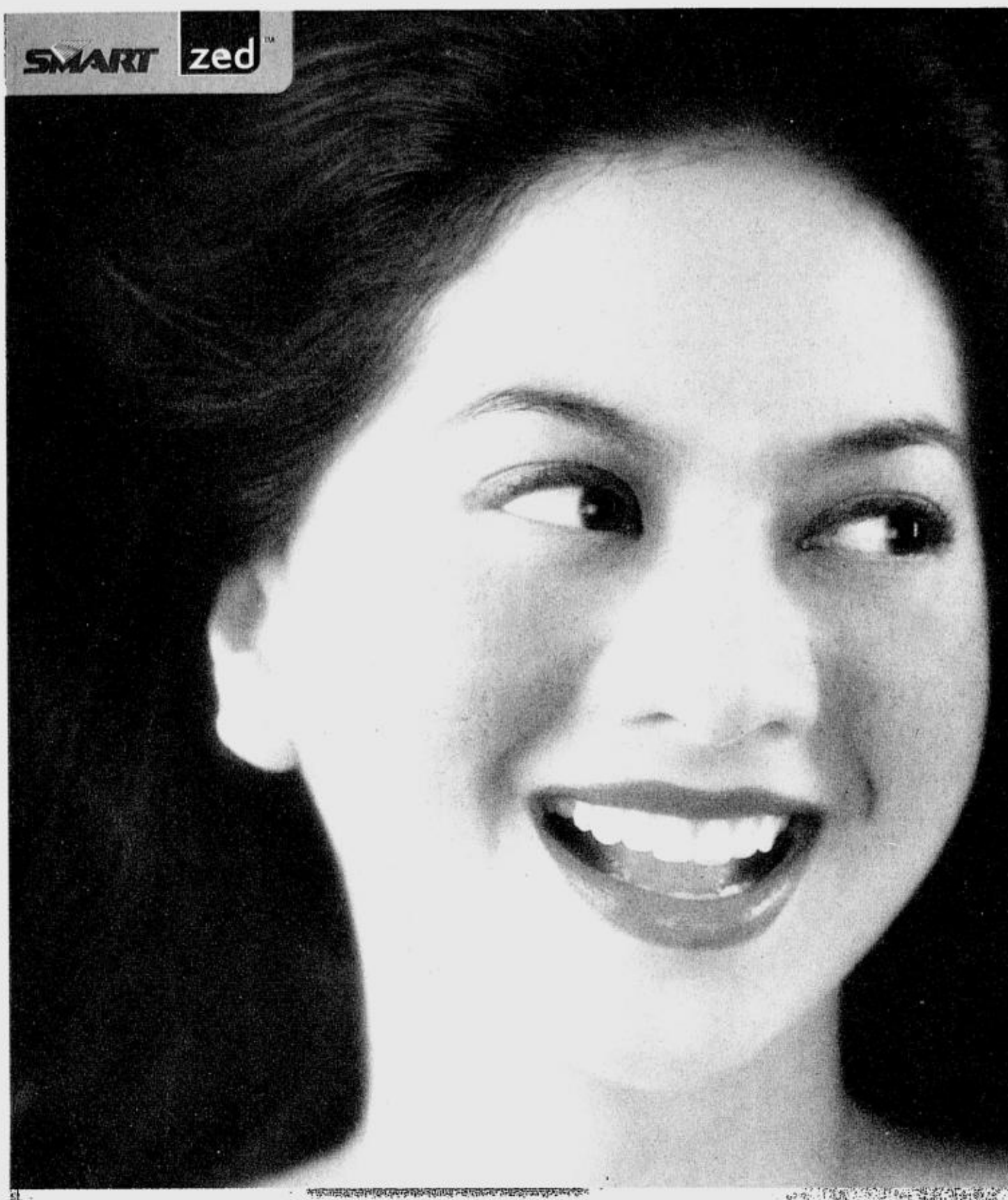

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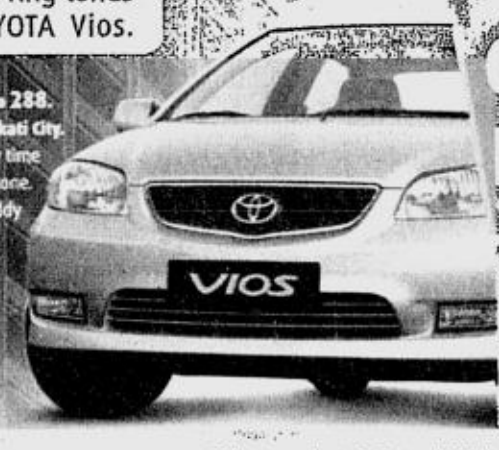

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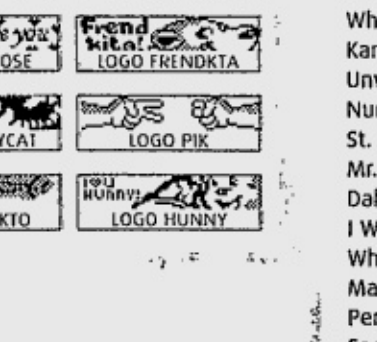

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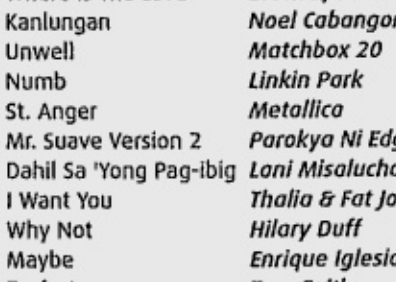

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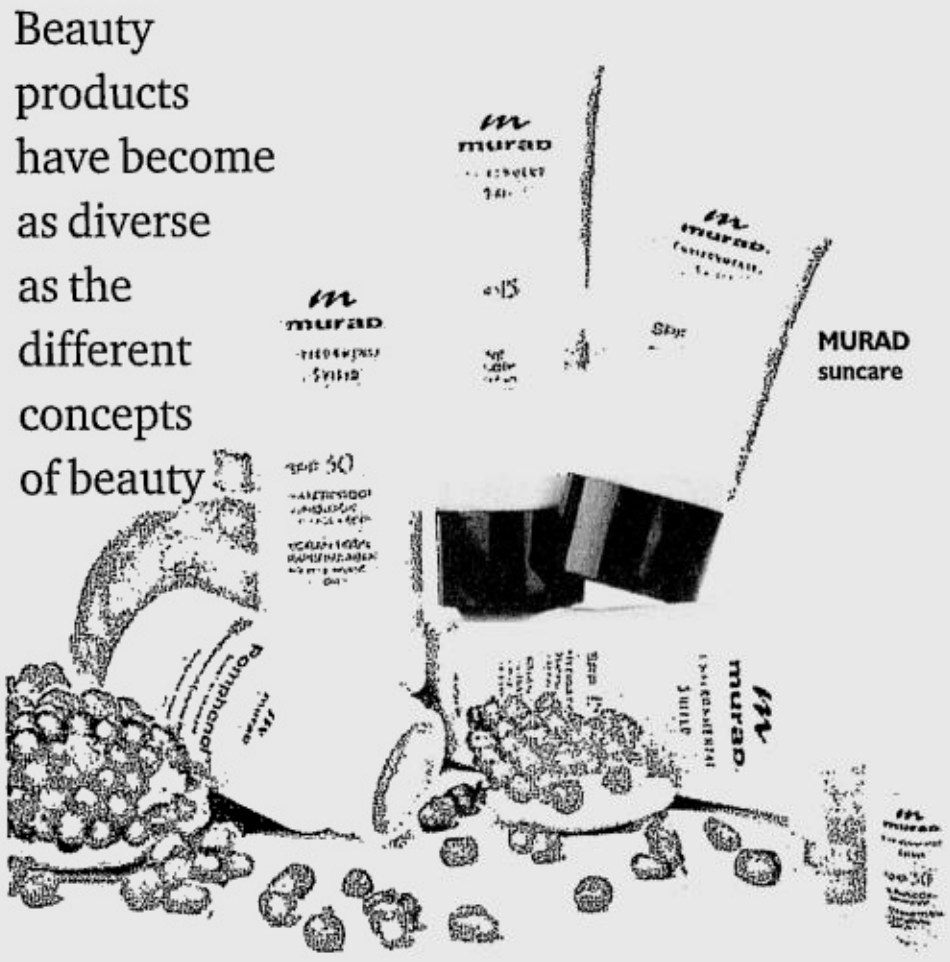
Beauty products have become as diverse as the different concepts of beauty



The cult of beauty

By Kitty Go
Contributor

IF there is anything a truly stylish woman detests, it is to have what everyone else has. Unfortunately, the development of "inimitable" style is not like being at a Chinese restaurant where you point at the next table and say, "I'm having what they're having..." If you think this only applies to clothes, think again. Cosmetics, both color and skin care, have come into the trendsetting forefront.

There was a time when traditional prestige cosmetics such as Clinique, Estée Lauder, Lancome, etc. were *the* things to pull out of your purse or to display in your bathroom. These days, stylishness may come with a price, but not necessarily a price tag. For many style-setters, prestige is not enough of a cachet as much as secrecy and elusiveness. Herein lies the "cult" beauty phenomenon—the more difficult to find and the lesser known the better. According to Preview beauty editor Agoo Bengzon, "Fashion-wise, it's sort of like a competition. The newer the item you have, the more knowledgeable you are when it comes to fashion *and* beauty."

Just say the word

Cult beauty products, technically those that do not advertise, but instead gain popularity through word of mouth, celebrity or editorial endorsements, are changing the beauty-buying habits of the world and Manila is not far behind.

BLISS suds

Kinny Salas, who wields influence over cosmetics from mascara wands to makeup wipes through her weekly Makeover 911 column for this paper, reports that as soon as Angelina Jolie credits her pout to Mac Folio lipstick and Spice lipliner, the products flew off the shelves.

Nars Orgasm blush takes off with a little help from J.Lo. Sjal creams, Bliss skincare and Creed scents (all at Wish, 6750 Ayala Avenue), with no advertising and their steep prices are not exactly what would be termed as impulse buys yet they have been sellouts all over the world from Saks to Selfridge's thanks to Sarah-Jessica Parker, Sophie Dahl, Madonna, etc.

Beauty bar none

Anthony T. Huang Jr., executive vice-president of Store Specialists Inc. (SSI), opened the first Beauty Bar (www.beautybar.com.ph) in December 1999 at the Glorietta Center. Since then, the bright and friendly self-service makeup shop has opened eight more outlets in Metro Manila alone, changing the way fashion-forward Filipinas, mostly from 13 to 40 years old, shop for cosmetics and toiletries.

Although loyalty is not a virtue of youth, the tremendous success of Beauty Bar comes from friendly yet non-traditional service and an adventurous product mix. "One very important component is our interactive element. We have trained staff to help customers apply products or customers can help themselves. We had one good customer who had her wedding makeup done professionally but had touch-ups done here!" says Huang about the Beauty Bar service.

Beauty Bar counts some of the trendiest makeup lines in the world with some of the most distinctive packaging such as Smashbox, Pout, Linda Cantello, 3 Custom Color, Bloom, Tony and Tina, to name a few.

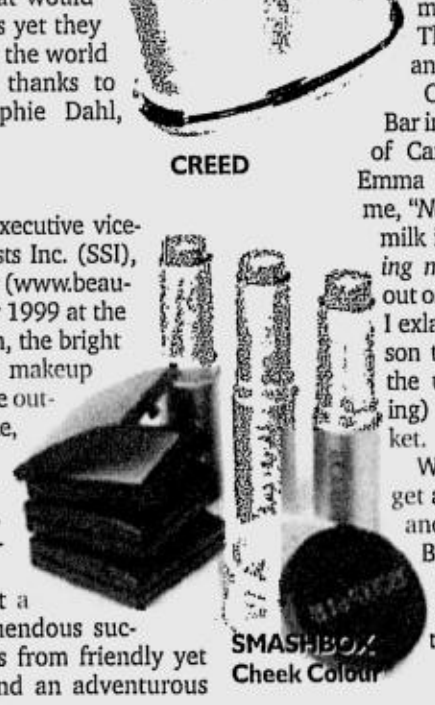
Whatever Hollywood is applying, Beauty Bar will have it. However, Mr. Huang stresses that "Not purely packaging sells. The customer tests the product." Manila can be an unforgiving market as Beauty Bar replaces most poor performing products with new brands twice a year and replenishes fast moving goods as quick as they can.

The youth market has always been more adventurous. And with the array of products, today's young customers have higher expectations. Bengzon cites an example, "My mother, to this day, uses Ponds Cold Cream, but I think we're a little more careful about the things we buy. We like to know what the ingredients are, how soon it will work, who uses it, etc."

Burt's Bees have been a mainstay with Beauty Bar since they opened their doors while Mr. Huang reports sales of Canus Goat's Milk from Canada (soap P150, lotion P395) have been going through the roof. Bath products account for about 50% of Beauty Bar's product mix while cosmetics take up about 35%. The balance goes to hair care and beauty tools.

On a personal visit to Beauty Bar in Glorietta, I picked up a bar of Canus soap which manager Emma Arnaldo immediately told me, "*Naku, mabili 'yan.* The goat's milk is very gentle *kaya maraming may gusto. Minsan na nga,* out of stock." "*Ano!* Out of stock!" I exlaimed. (This is the best reason to buy, next to "sale"—and the usual cause for panic-buying) Okay, that goes in the basket.

While I'm at it, might as well get a bottle of lotion, lip balms and glosses galore from Burt's Bees to Sue Devitt, bath products from Philosophy and more makeup colors than I can use to paint a



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The cult of beauty

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Glove Gel

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building. Despite a) I only have one face, and b) I no longer have a life outside the home. But it didn't matter. I bought enough bath products for my whole household (including dogs) to use for five generations.

Essence of beauty

Not all is fun and frivolous in the beauty business, though. Rhoda Campos, associate director of marketing, cosmetics and toiletries at Rustan's, says her latest project, Essences, is "a whole beauty editing game."

Four to five years ago, Essences was known as GX Apothecary, purveyor of expensive European and American brands such as T. le Clerc and Nars, which didn't have a place in the traditional prestige cosmetics floor of Rustan's.

This hodge-podge of expensive brands morphed into Essences (G/F Glorietta 4 and 2/F Robinson's Place, Malate) where top-of-the-line skincare and cosmetics brands like Dermalogica, Dr. Murad, Laura Mercier, grape-based Caudalie, Acca Kappa, Phyto and soon Benefit and Stila make up this well-being concept store.

The Essences customer is a little older and with slightly higher spending power. "I decided to go first-class and did everything catering to the A-market," Huang says, as he confirms that Essences is "more clinical and mature, more expensive." But that has not stopped the section from reporting double and triple digit

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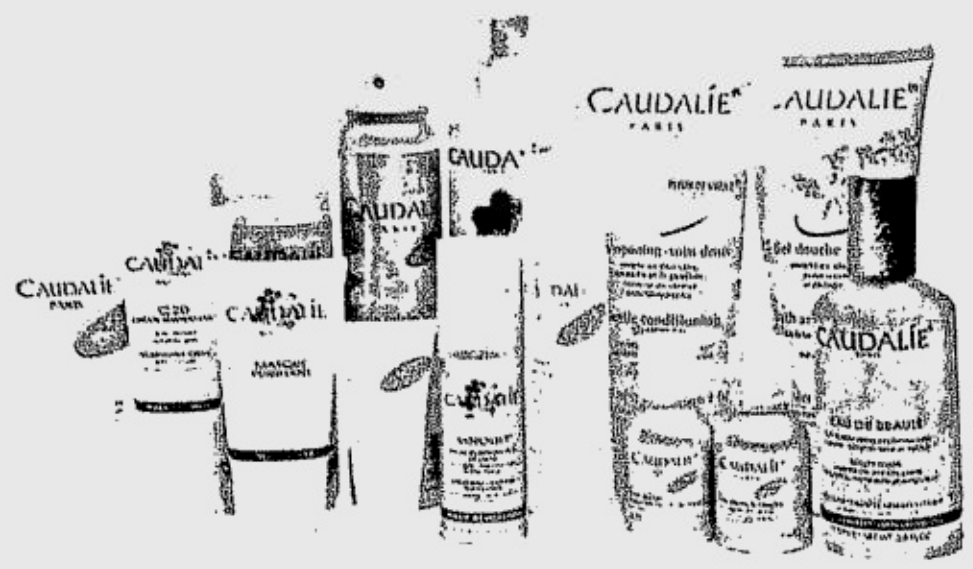

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Leading luxury brand opens first store in RP

GUCCI'S latest collection features a muted palette of chartreuse, red, black, brown, pink and nude. Stretch shiny silk satin, viscose jersey, nylon tafetta and leather are some of the dominant fabrics.

GUCCI, one of the world's leading luxury brands, announces the opening of its first-ever store in the Philippines, located in Greenbelt 4, the newest luxury shopping plaza in Makati.

Conceived by Gucci creative director Tom Ford and interior designer William Sofield, the new Gucci store design is a seamless architectural interpretation of Ford's designs for clothing and accessories in a selling space of 272 sq m.

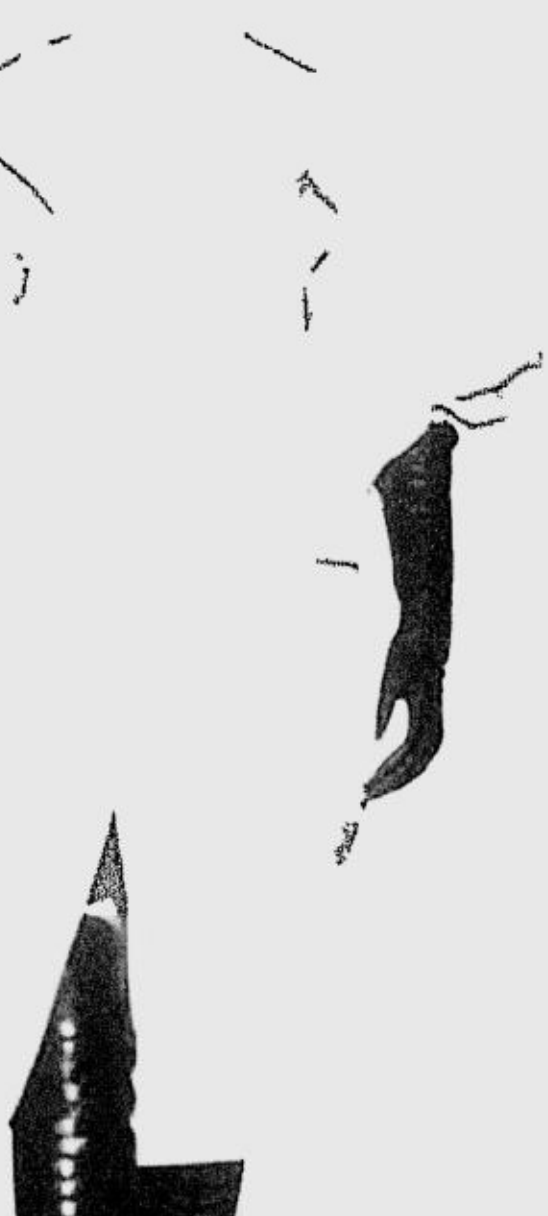
With a palette of anthracite, bronze, rosewood and Lucite, the overall look goes far beyond the realm of luxury store design. Iconic in structure, the new Gucci store is as much an exercise in reshaping the notion of late 20th-century modernism as it is a new benchmark in retail architecture.

"We wanted the store to incorporate a number of sensual experiences you feel when you walk into a great space," explains Ford.

"So for example, the store entrance should be almost stage-like, creating a sensation similar to when you descend into an amazing restaurant. At the same time, it had to have the luxury of a sleek modern residence, so you feel completely enveloped and relaxed."

The Gucci boutique will offer a wide range of Gucci product lines, including women's ready-to-wear collections, handbag and luggage, small leather goods, shoes, scarves, watches, perfumes and the Gucci Gift Collection. It will also have an area dedicated to fine jewelry.

Gucci, the essence of modern Italian style, distributes its luxury goods through directly operated stores, franchises, duty-free boutiques and leading department stores.



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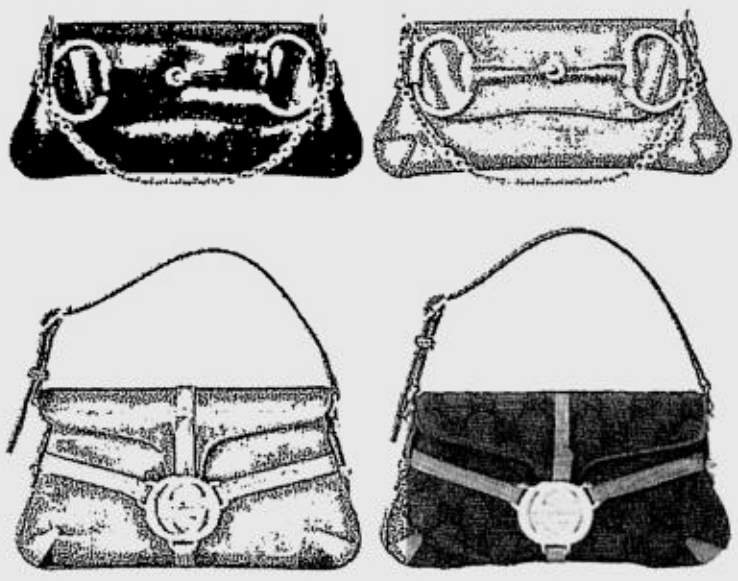

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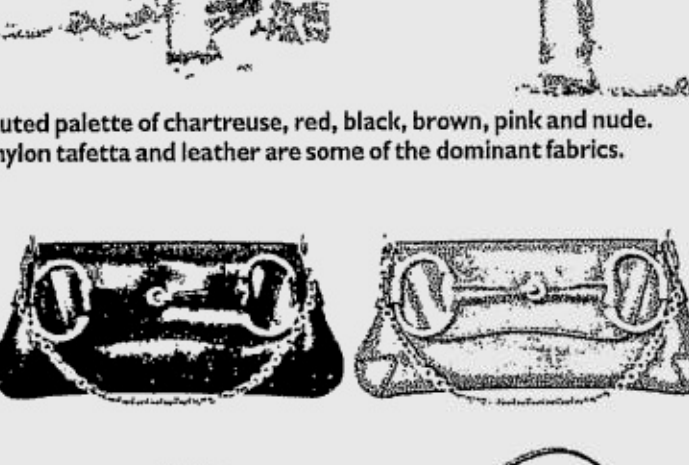

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mpos knows the build-up to profit is . but she sees the advantage of working small companies when catering to the A-ket, "These smaller brands give locals cre- power to develop programs such as shops and product orientations not dic- l by a big company." So how does one sell -known brands with high prices? Like the erately priced Beauty Bar, Essences relies ily on customer rapport and consumer ation as to what makes the product supe- nd the science (or celebrity) behind it. though fashion and beauty go together a cashmere twin set, it is a retail fact that

beauty is a much easier sell with instant gratification for all ages. "Beauty products are sort of rewards people like to gift themselves with," says Bengzon.

Salas agrees, pointing out that there are those like her who "don't care about clothes but would splurge on makeup and other beauty products." Like I said, the less visible a product, the better.

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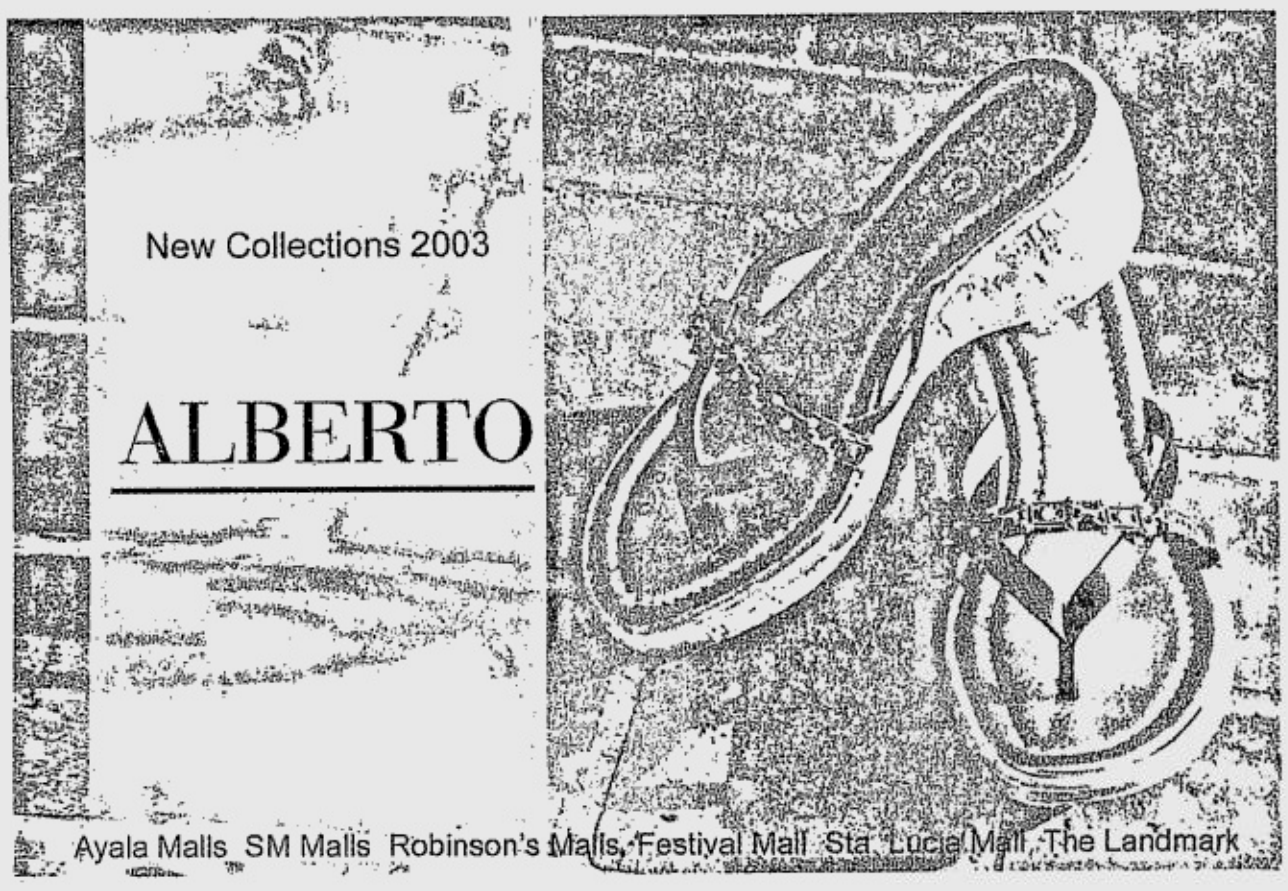

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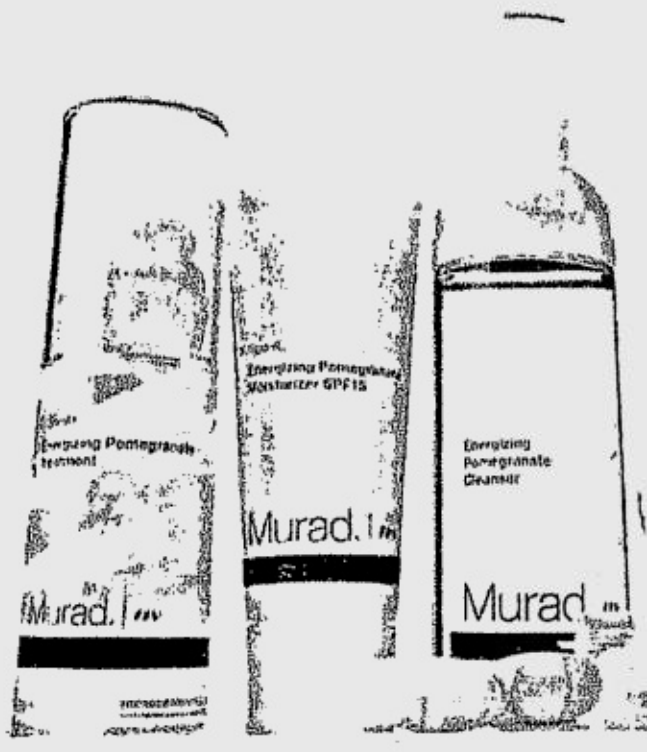

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mpos knows the build-up to profit is . but she sees the advantage of working small companies when catering to the A- ket, "These smaller brands give locals cre- power to develop programs such as shops and product orientations not dic- l by a big company." So how does one sell -known brands with high prices? Like the erately priced Beauty Bar, Essences relies ily on customer rapport and consumer ation as to what makes the product supe- nd the science (or celebrity) behind it. though fashion and beauty go together a cashmere twin set, it is a retail fact that beauty is a much easier sell with instant gratification for all ages. "Beauty products are sort of rewards people like to gift themselves with," says Bengzon.

Salas agrees, pointing out that there are those like her who "don't care about clothes but would splurge on makeup and other beauty products." Like I said, the less visible a product, the better.

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For Halloween, Imeldific becomes me

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

HALLOWEEN is such a dilemma for me. What costume does one wear when every day is a regular costume day? It's almost like the question that must plague former First Lady **Imelda Marcos** : what *terno* she will wear for the forthcoming Terno Ball at the Metropolitan Museum? I have as many costumes as Madame has *ternos*. And might I also add that I have matching shoes and accessories to each of those outfits. But probably nowhere near as many shoes as she...

My solution to the Halloween dilemma was to celebrate it over two days.

I had two creative designers come up with costumes befitting the Sea Princess. And to have multiple exposure, my costumes graced three events on each night.

DALMATIAN spots and feathers happily mingle in party siblings Tim Yap and Cruella de Vil

Costume No. 1 was **Rajo Laurel**'s version of the wildly wicked Cruella de Vil from "101 Dalmatians." I wore an overcoat made of 50 Dalmatian puppies. I guess with my height, 101 puppies would have been just too heavy to carry.

Animal lovers need not worry; each stuffed toy dog was proudly purchased from Divisoria, made of faux Dalmatian skin from that trading powerhouse, China.

Rajo also made me a sexy, pencil-thin red gown and long silk gloves to complete the look.

Makeup maverick **Victor Ortega** of Emphasis Salon transformed me into the ever-scheming dog villainess without even knowing who Cruella was.

Clearly, Disney movies are not part of his usual fare. So after that night, I educated him with my daughter **Annika**'s comics and fairy tales, including the stars of the Cartoon Network cast, the Power Puff Girls.

Since it was the day before Halloween, I thought, "That's close enough!" and made the Metro Wear Fashion Gala a costume event. After their very successful **Joe Salazar** Retrospective, ABS-CBN Publishing GM and editor in chief **Thelma San Juan** linked up with the Fashion and Design

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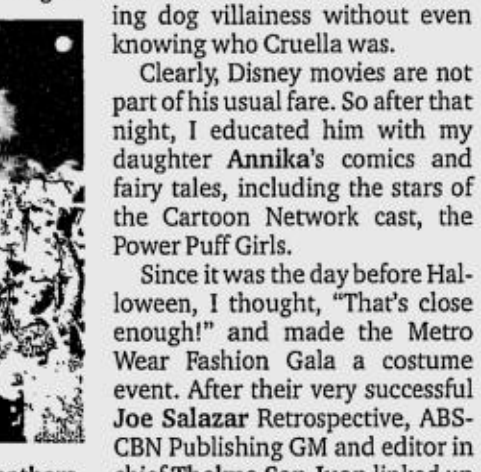

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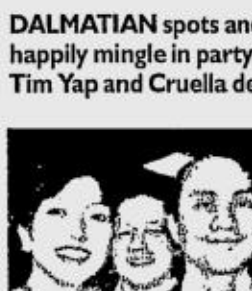

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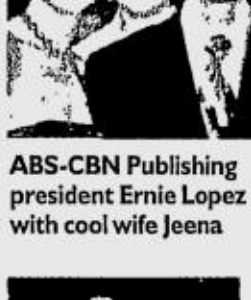

WOMEN on top. Karen Davila and Dr. Vicky Belo

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PAOAY Church, famous for its spires and earthquake-baroque architecture

Think BIZ Tour (forget R&R)

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Contributor

THE LOUNGE of the domestic airport becomes a virtual classroom, with 15 "students" all eyes on the leader.

Their voices rise higher, and highest when Isabelita "Sabsy" Palanca, chair of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries (PCCI), tells them: "I appeal to your sense of giving. I appeal to your sense of helping. Let us help each other, but we do not make promises we cannot fulfill."

Dr. Raul Hernandez firms up Palanca's stance: Let the others do the graft and corruption; we provide the business opportunities.

Hernandez knows whereof he speaks. He retired in 1998 as vice president of the San Miguel Corp. packaging division, and now helps community-based industries improve their packaging.

The Biz Tour emerged in response to the many disasters and unfortunate occurrences in the country. The inflow of dollar-based investments has thinned out, with many potential businesses packing up and moving to neighboring countries.

"We have inbound tourists who have cancelled their visits to the country. Who do you think should help one another?" Palanca says.

Frankly, one has to engage in guesswork as to names and the objectives of the Biz Tour. The list identified a woman commissioner and founder of the Bridging Gaps Foundation; a director of the Department of Tourism's Bureau of Promotions and volunteer in the Sacred Land Asia Foundation; a vice president of the Philippine Food and Exporters; a tour operator; a director of the Philippine Stock Exchange and member of Cenacle; a senior couple, with the husband spearheading the tour; and a staunch supporter of "Kalidad Pilipino, ipagmalaki mo!"

But Palanca describes the Biz Tour as a "movement" to manage sustainable tourism destinations in the country. It is affiliated with the PCCI, in the belief that the organization would bring its connections in Manila closer to local manufacturers ("connections" meaning suppliers and buyers of materials, or parties who want to do business with the manufacturers).

The tour is initially offered to PCCI members and affiliates. The rates, prepared by Avian Tours, vary from P3,215 to P7,400 (covering land or air transport, van transfers, breakfasts and accommodations). A questionnaire is filled up to indicate whether the tourist would be buying from or supplying materials to local manufacturers, or would rather be exposed to a specific industry.

The only R&R component of the trip is an overnight stay in Fort Ilocandia and a sampling of local dishes *bagnet, bagoong* and *pinakbet* for dinner. Any notion of holing up with cable re-runs in one's hotel room should take the back seat, as the Biz Tour is a result-oriented travel concept.

And the more I hear Hernandez quip, "*Byahe tayo nang byahe, hindi naman tayo tumutulong* (We travel a lot, but we don't help)," the quicker my idea of R&R melts in the air.

At stake here is helping the small-medium enterprises to be globally competitive while traveling. Palanca admits there are limitations from their end, especially at the initial stage where things are exploratory. Biz Tour has no ready solutions to manufacturers' woes, but it assures an open communication line to start the machinery rolling.

As it is, interfacings are vital to assess the needs. The first of these lasts for five hours. Extensive note-taking, table-hopping (to inspect the local products) and explanations rule the day.

A couple with samples of Christmas decor made from indigenous weeds and seeds and a *tsinelas* (slippers) maker have a common concern: an insufficient market for their goods.

Namnama's (No. 3 Salbang, Paoay), makers of "comiks" and banana chips, is exporting to Australia. But its packaging (in plastic) needs improvement against varying weather conditions abroad.

Anthony Abadilla, 29, owner of Cormel Foods (54 A. Castro St., Laoag City), shares a table with Divina Sonido of PhilFoodex and me, and shows off his *duhat* and mango wines in attractive, well-labeled bottles.

AT THE WINDOW of an ancestral house in Vigan

He regularly sells the wine to a Manila-based distributor who, in turn, supplies this to bars and restaurants.

The information states that the *duhat* wine carries the delightful astringent taste of the fruit as well as its natural dark purple color that comes from the anthocyanin pigment reputed to help prevent cancer, heart disease, strokes and infections.

Other information: *Sukang iloko* (sugarcane vinegar) is still prepared according to the 19th-century mix of sugarcane juice, dried leaves, bark and seeds of the medicinal plant called *samak*. To produce the reddish alcoholic liquid, fermentation should be done in earthen jars.

This being a business familiarization trip, there are so many things we want to do, but so little time. The mornings start with 5 a.m. Mass, and the marathon dialogues stretch to late-night discussions.

Still, we manage to squeeze in fun and learning. (Fun, for example, when Ching de Zapanta tries to compute how many kilos of *longganisa,* or native sausages, she intends to bring home.) Also shopping and visiting churches and museums.

The visits to Cormel and Namnama's are the highlights in Ilocos Norte. Highlights as well are the stops at the Museo Iloko, Marcos Museum and Paoay Church, a Unesco World Heritage site.

No one complains about the warm late-August weather or the hectic schedule. We even have a tour guide in the bus who plies us with bits of local lore:

"Our national dish is the *pinakbet*."

"The folk from Baguio and La Union call it *bagnet*, when in fact the Ilocanos' term for it is *chicharon* or *lechon de carajay*."

"The Ilocano *longganisa* is unique because it is fully stuffed with garlic and mixed with *sukang iloko*."

Her last is quite cool: "Don't say anything 'bad' about the Marcoses while you're here in Laoag." Which sends me into a much needed nap.

One thing good about the Ilocos is its tourism officials do not skimp on brochures. There is a lot to read about Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte in detailed, well-photographed and laid out brochures.

One on Ilocos Norte says it is a strategic gateway to the country and East Asia. The Laoag International Airport serves Hong Kong and Taiwan businessmen and tourists. The airport can accommodate large-bodied aircraft. For water cargo, the Currimao sea port is accessible. Northern Foods seasonally manufactures tomato paste.

And the recommended sites are always the Marcos Museum in Batac; the tower in Bacarra; the Juan Luna House in Badoc; the Cape Bojeador lighthouse in Burgos; the church in Dingras; the beaches in Saud and Pagudpud; the church in Paoay; and San Nicolas.

The best buys include woven baskets, brown-baked bricks, mushrooms, pottery, metal works and rattan. Sand dunes, rocky river beds, hardwood forests, vegetable farms and rows of rice land complete the landscape.

One interesting point are things Marcos: the museum, the Hall of Justice, the office of Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the building where his father was jailed, and the mausoleum holding his father's remains. Is it a joke I hear that a dish is named after the late strongman?

The hot and humid Saturday afternoon keeps everyone in high spirits. Winona Santos, the provincial office's consultant for tourism, and lawyer Joy Crisologo-Escolin, owner of the Cordillera Inn, collect us in Laoag, and we brace for the two-and-a-half-hour trip to Ilocos Sur.

There are vans, and regrouping. One bag is mislaid in the frenzy of transfers. Santos' mobile phone incessantly rings, with a voice at the end of the line saying that manufacturers have gathered at the Vigan Trade Center as early as lunchtime.

We hit the road at 3:30 p.m. The Laoag highway is well-paved, and I catch 40 winks in between gawking at architectural wonders.

On waking, I relish the *empanada* (meat pie), basi (sugarcane wine), *bibingka* (rice cake) and *tinubong* (a brown-sugar delicacy).

Vigan, also on the Unesco World Heritage list, remains my favorite city in the country. The unique fusion of its Asian building design and European colonial architecture has never lost its grandeur.

Recently, Vigan Mayor Eva Singson-Medina allowed three giant fast-food corporations to operate in the city. She says it is about time her people got the feel of new industries; what she would rather be strict about is compliance with building requirements.

The Cooperacion Española actively supports the restoration of a number of Vigan's old buildings.

The tour of the city comes complete with visits to St. Paul's Metropolitan Cathedral, Calle Crisologo, Arzobispado de Segovia and Burgos Museum. Even the structures housing the local industries such as pottery and *longganisa* making, as well as weaving (Cristie's), have become tourist attractions.

The Quirino Mansion is opened at the request of Biz Tour organizers. It appears that until the family has reached agreement with the National Historical Institute, the mansion will remain closed to the public.

Our activities wind up in San Ildefonso with a dinner feast at the Garden Café.

If Ilocos Sur Gov. Deogracias Victor Savellano speaks with a "desperate" tone in his welcome speech, it is because he is lamenting bureaucratic red tape in the delivery of services to the communities.

"No efforts like the Biz Tour have openly expressed support to the local industries. The fact that this is privately initiated gives hope that this will have immediate positive results," he says.

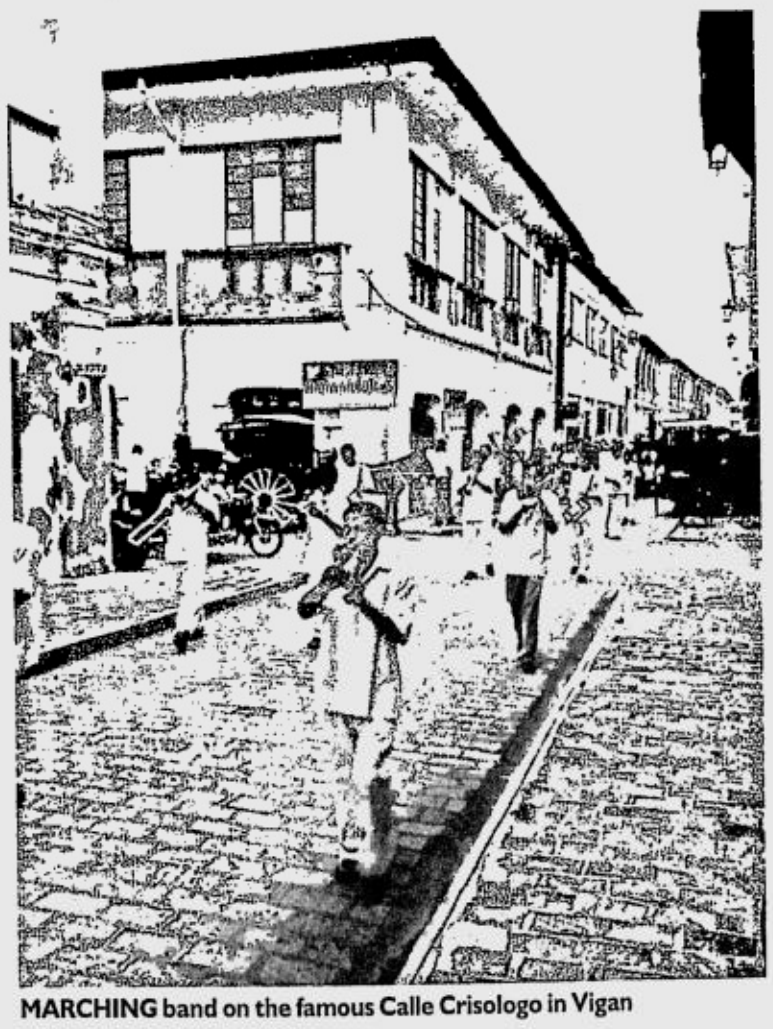
Asked how much monetary assistance the provincial office is shelling out, the governor quips: "That depends on how much Biz Tour will be needing."

At this, provincial board member Chuchi Purisima, busy serving original Ilocano fare, flashes a thumbs-up sign.

I leave the Ilocos with a wholistic view of three Ps—people, places and products. Forget about R&R; think of what it means to give a part of ourselves to others, to be outward looking, to learn while in the thick of travel.

How nice to be able to soundly sleep at night, knowing I can do something better to help my country.

'ABEL' weaver



MARCHING band on the famous Calle Crisologo in Vigan

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The Pen Manila, with David Batchelor as general manager, also achieved a 100-percent score for service.

Peninsula hotels in Bangkok, Hong Kong, Chicago and Beverly Hills were likewise given top honors.

Brides/Debs Fair

THE 4TH Cavite Brides and Debutantes Fair will be held on Nov. 14, 15 and 16 at the Floating Pavilions of the Island Cove Resort and Leisure Park in Cavite.

Dubbed "Kasalan, The Island Ways of Wedding," the fair is endorsed by the Department of Tourism, and will feature venue themes and settings as well as presentations by couturiers, florists, bakers, printers, photographers and other suppliers.

Talks and demonstrations, a bridal hair and makeup competition, an hourly raffle and a photo exhibit of memorable receptions held at Island Cove will also be featured. Special deals, discounts and tokens await engaged couples, debutantes and party planners.

As an event highlight, the Cavite Models Group will present "Traje 2," a dinner-fashion show on Nov. 15 showcasing the designs of couturiers Renee Salud, Fanny Serrano and Eddie Badeo.

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The raffle draw is scheduled on Dec. 15, to be done with the supervision of a representative of the Department of Trade and Industry at the SM head office.

For Halloween, Imeldific becomes me

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Council of the Philippines and had a fab runway show featuring the top 24 designers in the country.

What a show it was with over 150 creations! I got to view all of them because for once, I arrived on time! In fact, my timing was perfect because the show started as soon as I settled in my seat. It was a good thing I had called **Jeena Lopez**, wife of ABS-CBN Publishing president, **Ernie**, that I needed three seats, one for me and two for my puppies. (Another good reason not to have gone for an authentic but space-filling 101 puppies!)

As usual, the worst seat in the house was the one directly behind me. A Cruella hairdo means black-and-white spiky hair, complete with feathers and puppy head gear. The poor couple whose view was semi-obstructed with all that were **Henry** and **Judy So** of Venice Jewelry. Apologies to both!

The wonderful clothes featured the color forecasts of 2004, and red was one of them, under the category "scandal." To my surprise, I even won the HSBC Special Award for coming in red. To celebrate my win, I treated the whole gang to an after-show dinner in A Taste of LA in the Morato area, the Hollywood side of Manila. They make excellent pizza and yummy oysters.

Since we are regular Greenbelt folks, this area was quite a revelation.

Even more exciting was when we passed by Adonis Club to get a sneak preview of a different kind of show. I can't say much about this place as today is Sunday, family day, so suffice it to say that now I know where the all good-looking and gifted men are hiding.

Heading back to familiar grounds in Makati, my party sibling, INQUIRER Super's **Tim Yap**, distributed invites to his big Halloween bash at Dream Bar, Olive Club, Azzuro Restaurant and V Bar. Finally at 3 a.m., my Dalmatians and I headed back to our kennel for some much needed rest.

MY award for ultimate Halloween nymph goes to Miss Afghanistan, in an exotic garb by Jon Fernando.

Costume No. 2 was **Bea Albert's** rendition of a queen from a very, very distant land, like one of the colonies of Queen Amidala, but with a more expensive price. The bouffant gown came with some wired accents, another view-obstructing headpiece and a multi-layered cape. Rajo thought I came as one of those Virgin Mary statuettes from the province. I was just glad he didn't think I was a Santo Niño.

The main event was the "Heaven on Earth" Halloween party at the InterContinental Manila. The hotel's PR director **Jenny Peña**, asked me to be overall chair of the board of judges. I guess they didn't want me to be a contestant. Seems these days that I have been elevated to an imaginary Costume Hall of Fame, a tactic designed so I can't win prizes anymore.

Never mind! Not to be outshone by the other guests, I sent for my three fairy god-stylists straight from Emphasis salon. Unlike in the "Cinderella" fairy tale, though, I got all my three fairies into my costumes and off we all went to the ball. If I can bring three sherpas to a mountain climb, why can't I bring three stylists with me to a party?

After making my grand entrance with a Spanish version of Marie Antoinette, a General Luna, a Tinkerbell Jenny and Rajo Laurel as Harry Potter's nemesis, Lord Voldemort, I quickly got to work and judged the 56 international beauty queens vying for Miss Earth 2003. For that evening, the winners were Miss Venezuela for best costume and Miss Guatemala for most outrageous, both dressed by **Raye Encarnacion**. Miss Ecuador also won as most original/unique, in a gown by **Steve de Leon**.

I have no clue as to the origin of the Miss Earth Pageant. Is this a Philippine invention? Is this related to the cartoon "Captain Planet"? And as added value, do the winners get to clean our reefs, or the very least promote good fishing habits?

Miss Philippines, **Laura Marie Dunlap**, had a really ordinary costume. I almost wanted to donate mine to her so she could qualify, but the scores had been submitted. Oh well, she's taller anyway. I wished her well as I searched around for my personal favorite. This would be Miss Afghanistan, **Vida Samadzai**, wearing a costume by **Jon Fernando**. She was exquisite, and the costume was pretty good, too. Made from hemp, twisted paper and palm leaves, and stuffed with little birds, the outfit was sparingly draped around her slim figure and the rest of her body was covered with body paint.

It was a night of fantasy, laughter and pure unadulterated fun. I had never seen so many women so gorgeous even in gruesome costumes. Next year, I am coming as Miss Earth, in swimsuit competition mode. I just wonder how my beloved designers can add the height, the curves and the youthful skin to complete the look!

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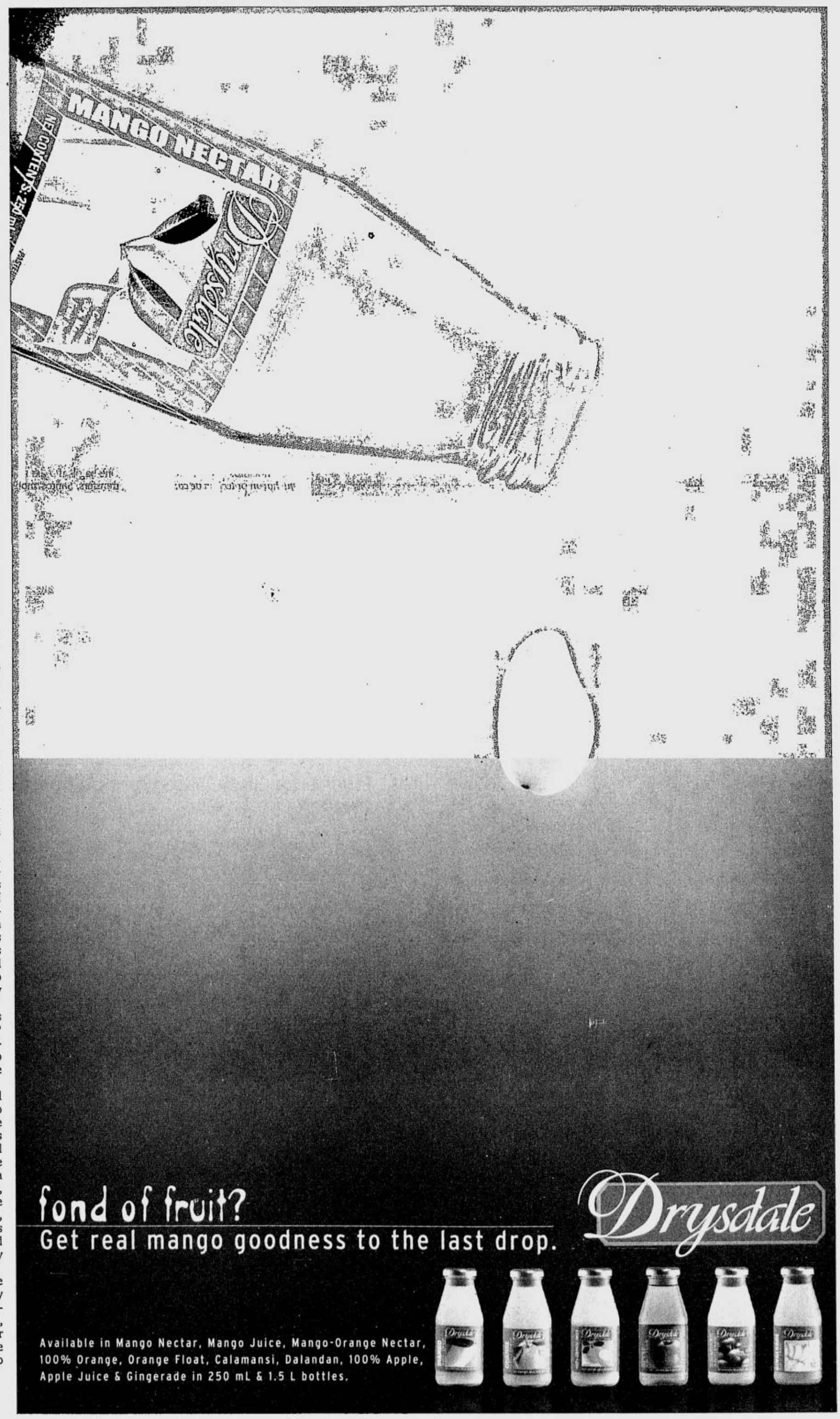

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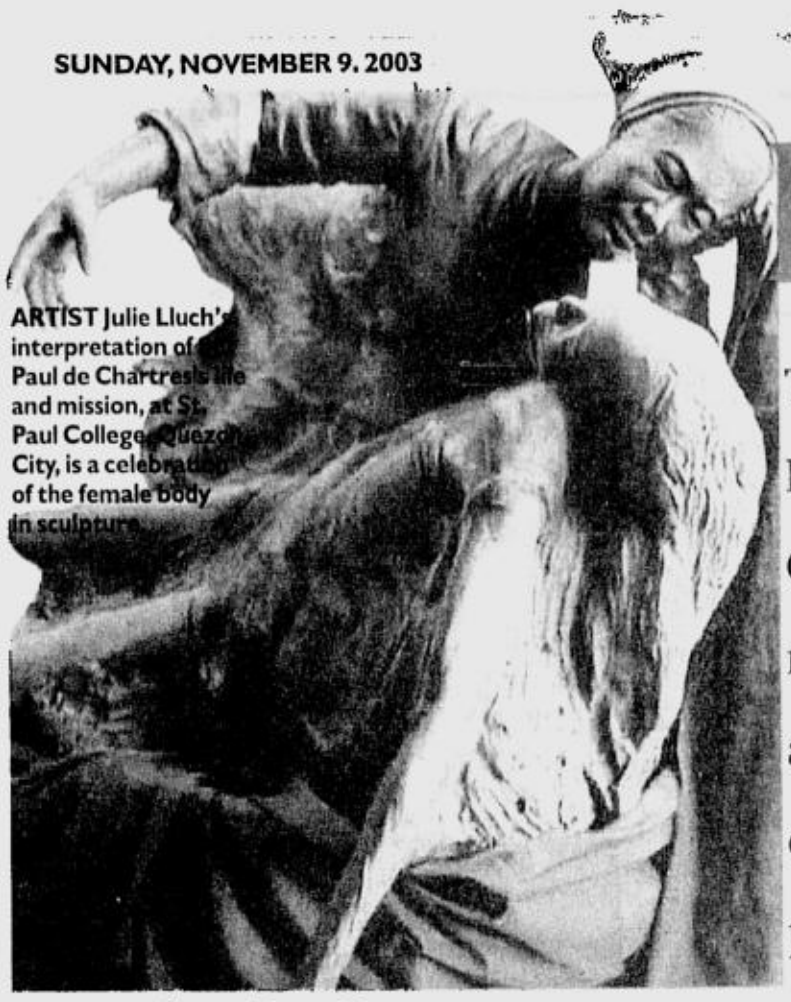

ARTIST Julie Lluch's interpretation of St. Paul de Chartres's life and mission, at St. Paul College, Quezon City, is a celebration of the female body in sculpture

100 years of a great sisters act

The St. Paul de Chartres nuns are an evangelical powerhouse

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
PDI Mindanao Bureau

THREE years after the founding of the Presbyterian Silliman Institute (later to become Silliman University) in 1901 and a dozen years after Jose Rizal dropped by Dumaguete on his way to exile in Dapitan in 1892, seven sisters of the St. Paul de Chartres (SPC) arrived in Dumaguete to establish the first SPC congregation in the Philippines on Oct. 29, 1904, and the first SPC school on Nov. 14.

A tableau by Cebu-based artist Vic Gulane depicts the arrival of the mission led by the SPC's first superior, Mother Marthe de St. Paul Legendre, and the congregation's first Filipina provincial, Mother Madeliene Denoga.

The tableau was unveiled recently. Following it was the blessing of a historical marker on the first SPC convent in the Philippines at Dumaguete's St. Catherine of Alexandra Cathedral compound. The unveiling and blessing launched the SPC Philippine Province's Centennial Year that will culminate in a grand celebration on Oct. 25, 2004.

Sister M. Aquinas Lluch, chair of the SPC Centennial Team, has called on all Paulinians or alumnae of SPC schools to join the year-long activities, which include lectures, photo and visuals arts exhibits, cultural presentations, the launching of the book, "Ten Decades of Passover by Sister Theresina Santiago," and the issuance of a commemorative stamp.

Expected to grace the occasion are 200 sisters from abroad to be led by the SPC superior general, members of the SPC Grand Council, and SPC provincials of Asia.

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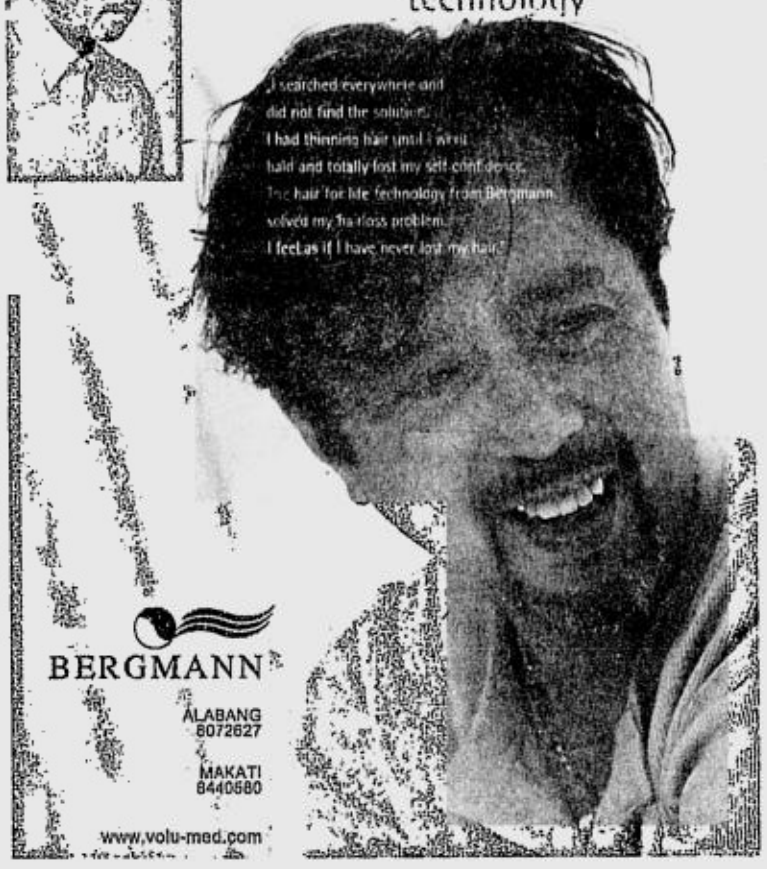

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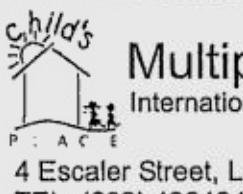
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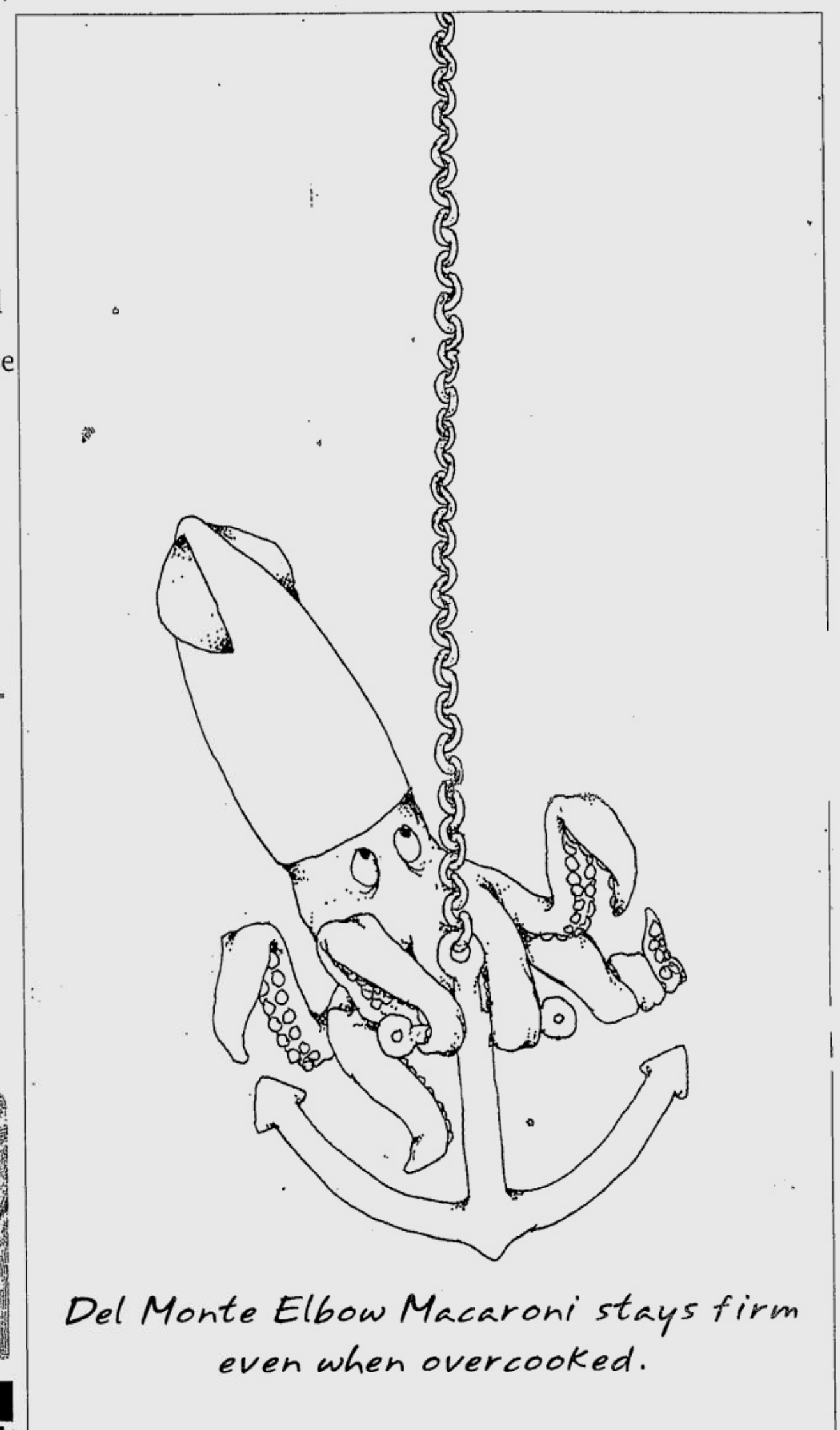

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Cofradia de la Immaculada Concepcion to hold 23rd Marian procession

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MARIAN devotees in Metro Manila will once more witness and participate in the grand solemn procession honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary when the Cofradia de la Immaculada Concepcion holds this annual event on Dec. 7 in Intramuros.

This will be the 23rd year that the group has held this event since the traditional Marian procession that began during Spanish times was revived in 1980 by devotees headed by Imelda Cojuangco.

An article written by former Minister Jaime Laya, action officer of the Intramuros Administration from 1979-1986, describes the 1909 procession that also marked the Ateneo de Manila Golden Jubilee.

"A chronicle of the event recorded that heralds on horseback and a *carroza* of the Congregacion Mariana led the procession, followed by flags, crosses, religious congregations and confraternities, student organizations from Jesuit schools and seminarians, punctuated by marching bands, ending with the brightly lit *carroza* of the Immaculate Concepcion.

"There were 10,000 people at the final assembly point, of whom 8,000 had marched in the procession that left the Church of San Ignacio and proceeded down Arzopisbo, Beaterio, Solana, Victoria, Magallanes, Real and Sta. Lucia Streets back to the rear of the Ateneo, which at that time was, of course, in Intramuros.

"Celebrations normally ended in fireworks, plays and pageants and sometimes, bullfights.

"The pageantry of old is hard to imagine, with all these old landmarks razed by World War II. Mapua Institute of Technology now stands in place of San Francisco Church; the beautiful gothic [building] that was Sto. Domingo made way for Far East Bank; and the lovely San Ignacio Church is now the roofless ruin of what had been a warehouse for US army supplies.

"Old traditions vanished when Intramuros died in 1945, only to reappear in the magnificent mold of the past more than three decades later. The Intramuros processions of the 1980s relive the tradition of the centuries in paying homage to the patroness of the nation. As in times past, nine days of prayer culminated in a great procession honoring Our Lady, ending a day that began with the induction into the faith of hundreds of children receiving their first communion."

(Reprinted from the book, "Mary Conceived without Sin, Mary Mother of God," published by the late Salud S. Tesoro.)

As Intramuros was restored, the Cofradia continued to hold the annual procession, with more and more owners of Marian images under the Virgin's various titles joining the annual event.

This year's "comite de festejos" is headed by Ado Escudero, while the hermanas mayores are Alice Briones, Vita Laki and Belen Hidalgo.

A Triduum of Masses will be held at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila Chapel on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at 5:30 p.m. New members of the Cofradia will be inducted on Dec. 2. The first holy communion of public school children will take place on Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the Malolos Cathedral. *Hermana* Mass is set for Dec. 7 at 2 p.m., followed by the procession that will be led by the military.

The processional image of San Andres brought by Mayor Joseph Cua from Catanduanes will be the first image to come out of the procession. At least 50 Marian images are expected to be brought to Intramuros, including Our Lady of the Visitation of Piat from Cagayan Valley, Our Lady of Manaoag from Pangasinan and Our Lady of La Salette from Cavite.

A miracle of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Although the miracle is talked about in whispers, people in Posadas Village in Muntinlupa know that traces of small footprints were seen on Nov. 19, 1990 at the altar of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Sonia Bravo Pelobello experienced her own miracle on Nov. 26, a day before the feast of Our Lady, many years ago.

Two years after their marriage, Sonia and her husband Jun Pelobello still didn't have children. Sonia had difficulty conceiving because of a retroverted uterus.

But she fervently prayed to Our Lady that she would at least have two children. On the evening of Nov. 26, Sonia went to the National Shrine of Our Lady where she now serves as lector during Masses. Her *kumare* told her that the image of Our Lady has been cleaned, but she could still go up the ladder to wipe the Virgin.

With her handkerchief, Sonia lovingly wiped the image. Her *kumare* reminded her to whisper her wish to the Virgin. Sonia said "Mama Mary, I know that it is only you and God the Father who can give me a child. Have mercy, please give me and my husband even only two children."

On the first week of December, Sonia encouraged her husband, a seaman, to go ahead and sail with his ship. When she brought him to the airport in late December, she was wondering why she was dizzy.

After a week, she went to the doctor for a checkup. Sonia was pregnant. Now, she has two children: Shaula Marie, 12, and Rigel Joseph, 11.

Sonia and 33 other lectors and commentators are this year's *hermanos mayores*. This year's fiesta theme is "Mary, the Bearer of Light in the Christian Family."

Novena Masses will be held Nov. 18-26 at 6:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fiesta Masses on Nov. 27 are at 6:15 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 noon. High Mass is at 6 p.m.

The parish priest is Fr. Raymundo Regua, CM.

St. Joseph Seminary needs help

Rev. Darren Lopez, a deacon from the Diocese of Alaminos, wrote to say that St. Joseph Seminary needs benefactors for its 14 seminarians who mostly come from poor families.

At least 50 Marian images are expected to be brought to Intramuros for the festivities

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Those who wish to help can write Bishop Jesus Cabrera at the Bishop's Residence, Alaminos, Pangasinan or Rev. Darren Lopez at the same address, call (075) 5515433 or fax (075) 5527062.

Little Way Group

In Sipalay, Negros Occidental the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, a Little Way Group, is propagating the devotion to St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

Those who wish to join can write Fr. Rembert Rivera at Sacred heart of Jesus Parish, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental 6113.

Romblon Thanksgiving Mass

Natives of Romblon residing in Metro Manila will hold a Thanksgiving Mass and welcome party for newly installed Bishop Jose Corazon Talaoc on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Valle Verde Country Club.

There will be ballroom dancing after dinner with music by the Romy Rule Band. For dinner tickets, please call Martina Festin at 5253330 or Jun Famatigan at 8232666.

Nayon photographers' exhibit

In commemoration of its 10th anniversary, the Nayon Photographers' Club will mount its third major photo exhibit for this year at the Manila Metropolitan Cathedral through the sponsorship of its rector, Msgr. Nestor C. Cerbo.

The exhibit will open on Nov. 29 to coincide with the start of the nine-day novena in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, whose feast day falls on Dec. 8.

The camera club members will also showcase the various improvements that were undertaken within the surroundings of the Manila Cathedral and the numerous structures that require further restoration.

Our Lady of Remedies Novena

Novena Masses are ongoing at Malate Church until Nov. 15 to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Remedies on Nov. 16. Novena Masses are at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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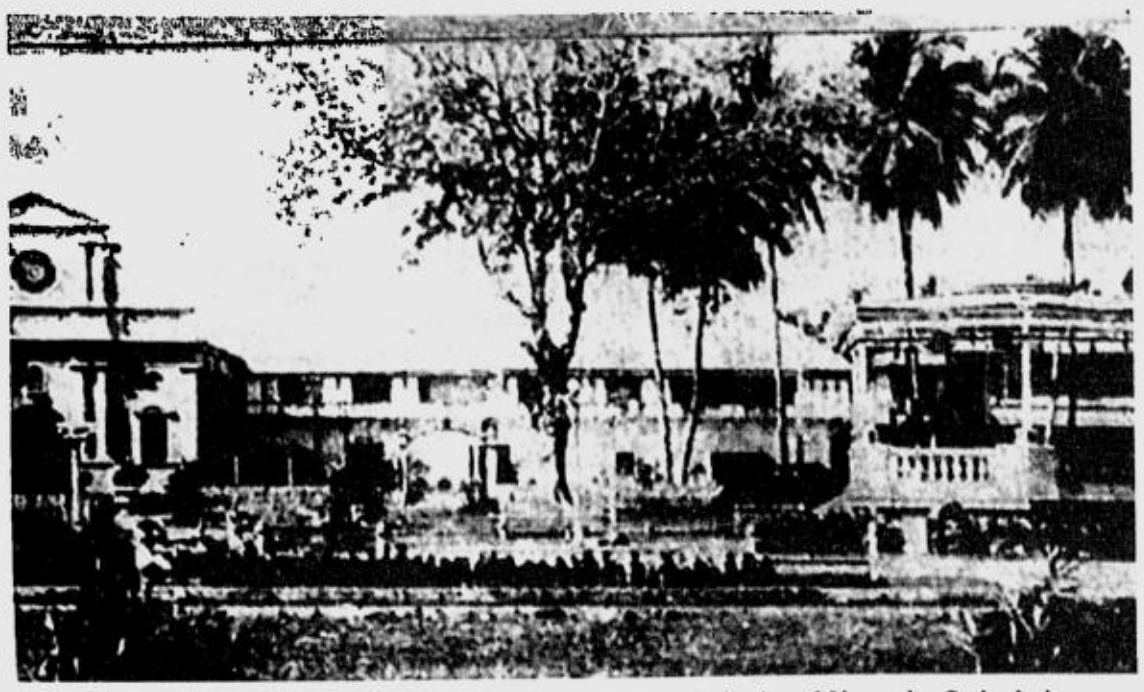
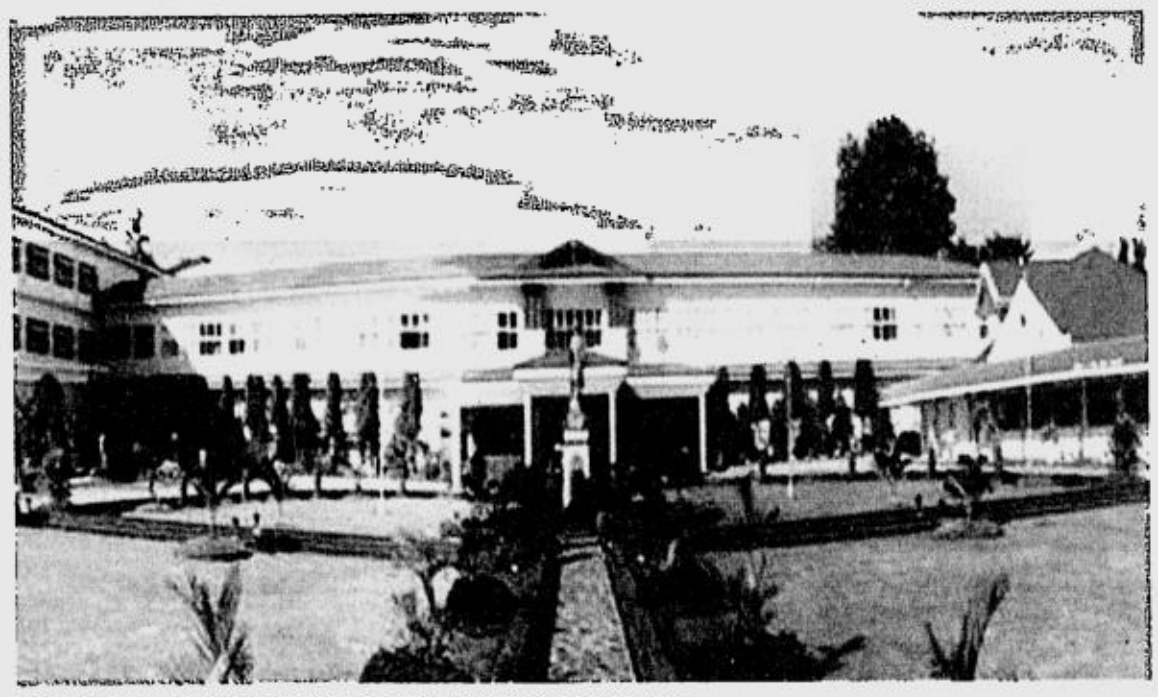


THE ST. Paul de Chartres Convent in 1904 at Dumaguete's St. Catherine of Alexandra Cathedral



FOUNDED in 1904, St. Paul College in Dumaguete City today

100 years of a great sisters act

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Chenard in France. In 1696, the parish priest, Fr. Louis Chauvet, and Marie Anne de Tilly founded the SPC. Later, Father Chauvet entrusted the group to Bishop Paul Godel de Marais of Chartres. The bishop, in turn, gave the name of his patron saint, Paul, to the group, thus the name Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres. The congregation is now in 26 countries across five continents.

First mission

In the Philippines, the SPC established its first mission and school in Dumaguete upon the invitation of the American Bishop Frederick Rooker of Jaro (Iloilo), Negros being part then of the See of Jaro. The sisters, who were French, American and Chinese, came to the Philippines from Saigon aboard the Spanish boat, Minas de Batan, which was loaded with rice bound for Manila.

The sisters arrived in Dumaguete from Cebu escorted by Msgr. Rooker's grandvicar. Amid the ringing of bells, the playing of a brass band and the warm welcome of residents, the boat carrying the sisters dropped anchor 100 meters from the shore, forcing the sisters to transfer to a barge that docked 50 meters away from the shore. Male bearers carried them safely to shore.

The sisters first settled in a convent run by the Augustinian Recollects at the Saint Catherine Cathedral. Because they arrived ahead of their luggage, the sisters had to make do with one chair; they slept on a mat and had two basins and—because they were particularly known for their music—a mandolin between them.

In the book "In the Philippine Islands" by Mother Marie Paul Bord, Msgr. Rooker was said to have asked how he could have sisters for his diocese from an SPC sister he chanced upon at a market in Hong Kong. The sister gave the bishop the address of the SPC's Saigon principal. She reportedly told Rooker that "many sisters did not want to be secularized in France."

The rest is history. But many do not know that beneath this mission lay the simmering rivalry of the Catholics and Protestants over evangelization because of the coming of the mainly Protestant Americans at the turn of the 20th century. Not without basis, it is said that the establishment of the SPC congregation here was made imperative because of the founding of Silliman, a Protestant school, as well as the growing influence of the Aglipayans, Baptists and Methodists in the Visayan islands.

Two generations of Dumaguetenos witnessed the rivalry in evangelization and in education, a rivalry, of course, with historical roots. France's infamous War of Religions in the 16th century resulted in the Massacre of St. Bartholomew in 1572.

SCULPTURE by Vic Gulane on the landing of the SPC sisters in the Philippines

Cooperation

This rivalry between the two Christian groups in Dumaguete didn't reach horrific proportions, however. In the 1960s, three factors led to the thawing of relations between the two factions: a fire that gutted the SPC convent and the commercial area of Dumaguete in 1938, in which volunteers from Silliman helped the SPC; the spirit of ecumenism after the Second Vatican Council; and the common love of music. The last was especially underscored by the Broadway musicals presented at the SPC's Fleur de Lis Hall, with sets and props brought from the Manila shows directed by Fr. James B. Reuter S.J.

The Dumaguete ecumenism was the first of its kind outside of Manila.

The cooperation and friendship didn't surprise many because Dumaguete provided the atmosphere for bonding. In fact, one of the seven SPC pioneers, Sr. Ange-Marie, wrote in her diary: "The people of Dumaguete are good and instinctively bent toward the beautiful and good; they love fine ceremonies, music... they have much faith... and are all well disposed to receive the light [and] they are eager to be taught."

At present, the SPC congregation around the country runs 10 hospitals, 13 pastoral, formation and retirement houses in 29 dioceses; and 34 educational institutions from Aparri to Surigao (among these are the SPC campuses in Dumaguete, Manila, Pasig, Quezon City, Vigan, Iloilo and Surigao and the St. Paul University in Tuguegarao). It is easily the largest congregation of nuns in the Philippines.

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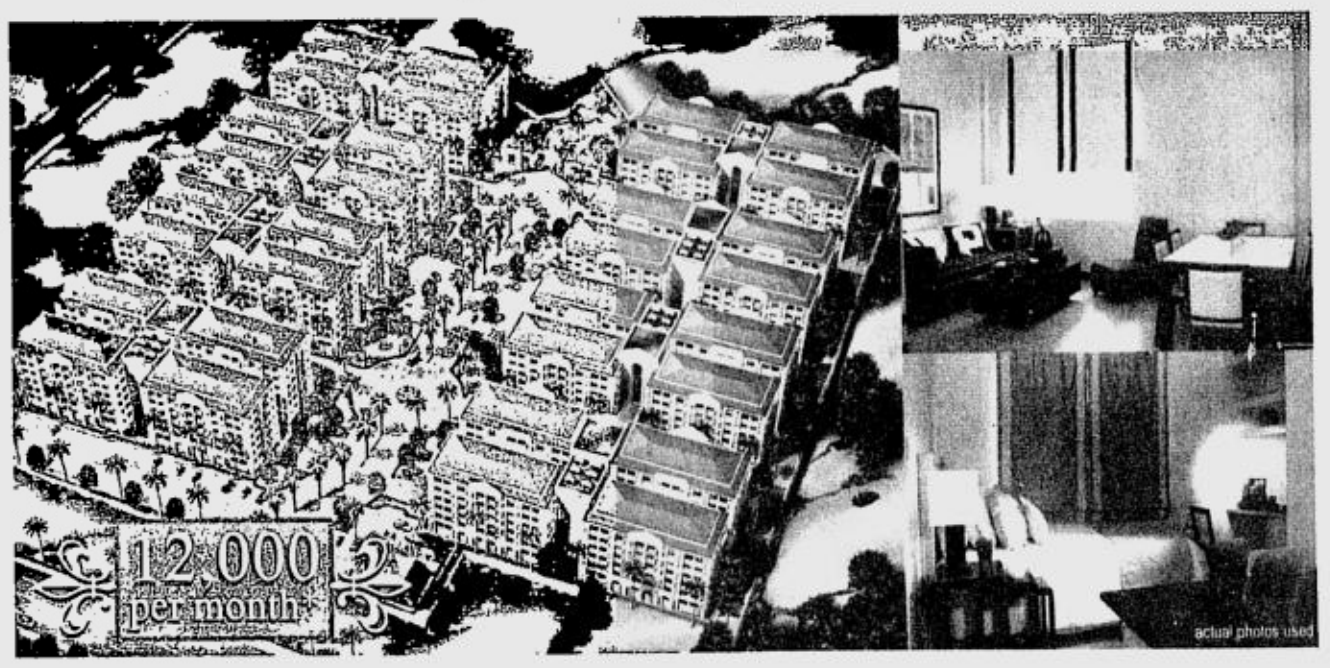

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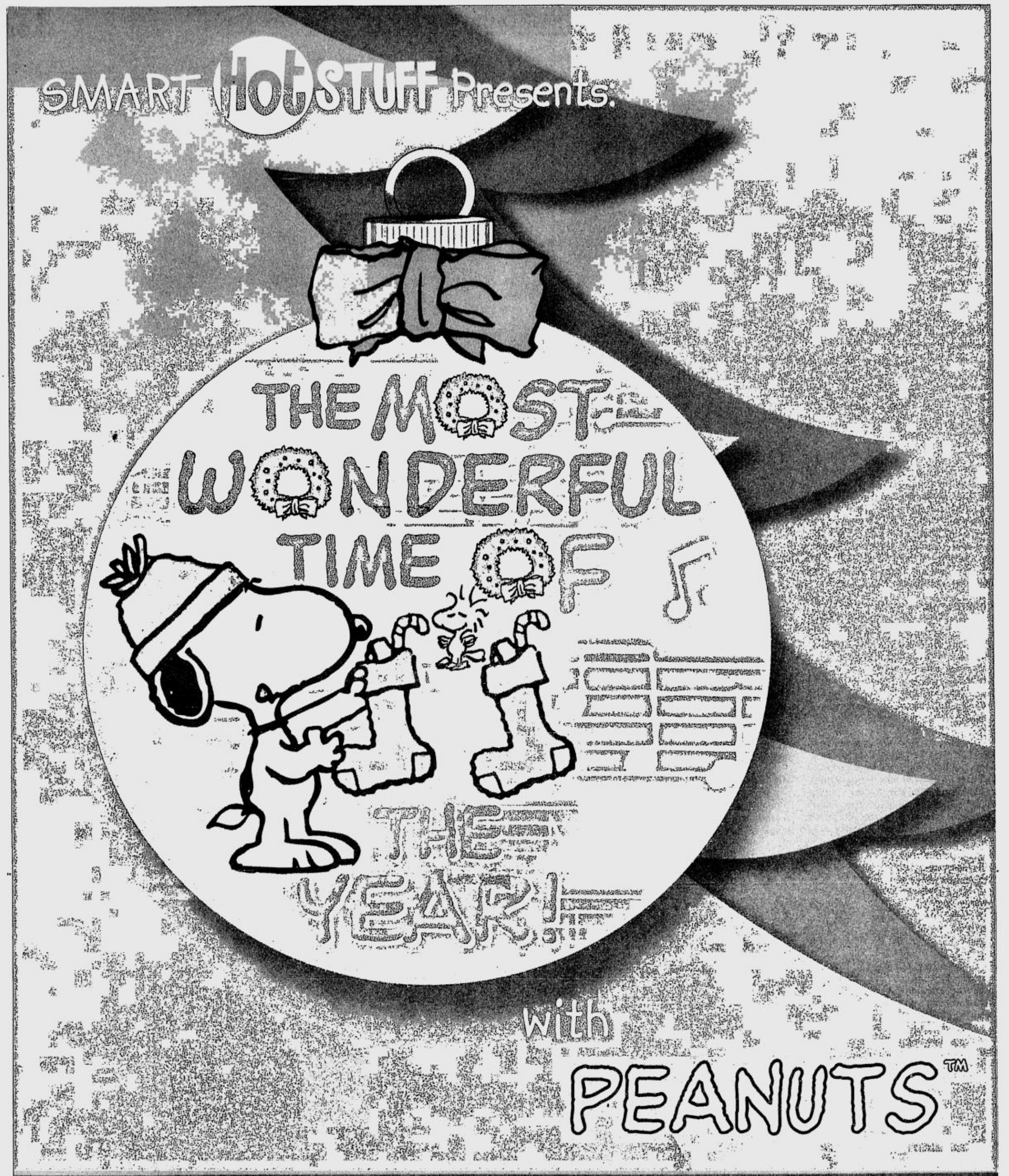

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LOOK West. Look up. Look down.

Four Commonwealth nations want Filipinos to know the United States is not their only option when they are thinking of going overseas to pursue their education. While conceding that historical and family ties make the US an attractive proposition for Filipinos, they are hoping that the desire for an education that will be most responsive and appropriate to a globalizing world will encourage students to consider the other alternatives open to them.

The Commonwealth nations—United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada—jointly announced last Thursday the second staging of an international education fair that will give Filipinos an opportunity to find out more about their educational systems and explore the idea of studying in their schools.

With the theme "Global Education Alternatives: A Commonwealth of Choices," the fair will be held noon–6 p.m., Nov. 15 and 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Nov. 16 at the Skytop of the InterContinental Hotel, Ayala Avenue, Makati City. Formal opening is at 10 a.m., Nov. 15.

Admission to the two-day fair, which will give people wanting to study abroad an opportunity "to speak with representatives of institutions from four countries," is free.

At the briefing held at the residence of New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines Terence Baker, Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce said her country was becoming a leading destination for foreign students because of "quality (of education), value for money, safety and quality of lifestyle."

British Ambassador Paul Dimond said it was "perfectly normal" that the US would be the first choice for Filipino students, but the four Commonwealth nations offered a real alternative to American education. And the UK, he said, was fast developing alternatives for people "who would find living on campus daunting." One such alternative is E-university, a distance-learning scheme that allows enrollees to pursue their studies off campus.

Richard Bale, representing Canadian Ambassador Peter Sutherland, said his country hoped Filipinos would look above the US and realize there was another kind of North American education available to them. He added that, in trying to attract more foreign students to its educational institutions, Canada wanted to diversify the student populations of her schools and make them more cosmopolitan in outlook.

Baker said, through the fair, the four countries "wanted to make Filipinos aware of pos-

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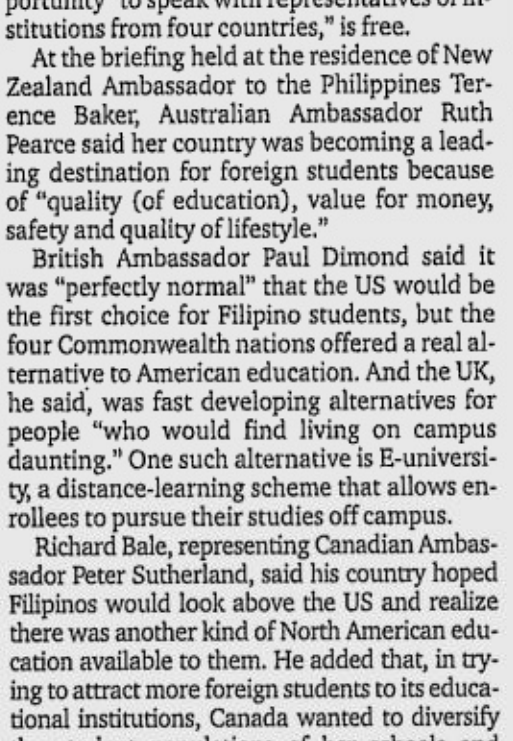

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LIFE, they say, happens when you're not looking.

It was 1987. Math major Queena N. Lee-Chua, a month shy from graduation, was ready to face the corporate world to make real money. Many multinational companies were luring the soon-to-be summa cum laude graduate to join them, and she had, in fact, said yes to one.

And so when Lee-Chua's theology instructor talked her into joining the teaching force at the Ateneo de Manila University, she sort of mumbled a yeah-sure but thought, "Of course not!"

After all, it was payback time. And she thought she rightfully deserved it after years of burying her nose in textbooks and furiously studying the highly cerebral and abstract subject of Math.

Lee-Chua confidently strode into her next class and gave no more thought to the absurd proposition, when her Math professor gave her the same suggestion: teach at Ateneo.

Suddenly, her world of logic and objectivity didn't matter anymore. It simply was too much of a coincidence, and Lee-Chua got scared—so scared, in fact, that she went to church to seek divine guidance.

Of course, nothing spectacular happened while she weighed her options. No booming voice from the heavens shook the earth below to help ease her disturbed mind.

"If something comes up that I don't understand, I talk it out with God. [A bumper sticker I once read said that] coincidence is God's way of saying something," she says. "You don't need to get bonked in the head to know what's really meant for you."

This was not, however, Lee-Chua's first time to be in a quandary. When she graduated from high school, she was torn between taking up English or Math.

She loved both the sciences and humanities with equal fervor. A voracious reader since grade school, she devoured the entire Nancy Drew series side by side with literature on Albert Einstein.

DR. Queena Lee-Chua poses before some of the medals she earned in grade school.

"THE BEST part about teaching is being able to touch students' lives directly. You can help a student realize his full potential in [would] talk to for hours. The youth of today, for all their brashness and arrogance, melt at the first sign of gentleness."

Lee-Chua didn't grow up with many toys. The toys she had, if any, were thinking toys such as Lego, puzzles or board games. "I never had a Barbie. I never liked Barbie. I never had a doll in my life and I never wanted a doll," she says.

Since both her parents were doctors, she once wanted to follow in their footsteps—until she realized in high school she couldn't bear dissecting frogs.

"Wait till you start dissecting cats," said her father one day, and pop went her childhood dream.

Unhappy

So when she made up her mind to teach (for just a year, she thought) and told her family about it, her father, who all those years thought she would join the business community, was quite unhappy: "How much are they going to pay you?"

Lee-Chua actually didn't know at first. "I knew teaching was not for the money, but when I found out how small [the pay] really was... I thought it would be great to teach for just a year and make real money later on." So she deferred her stint with a multinational company and became a Math teacher.

The one-year teaching stint, however, became a turning point in her life. When she called the multinational company again after a year, it was to turn down their offer for good. That, she says, was the best decision she ever made in her life.

Today, Lee-Chua is a much-loved Math professor and one of this year's awardees of the Metrobank Search for Outstanding Teachers.

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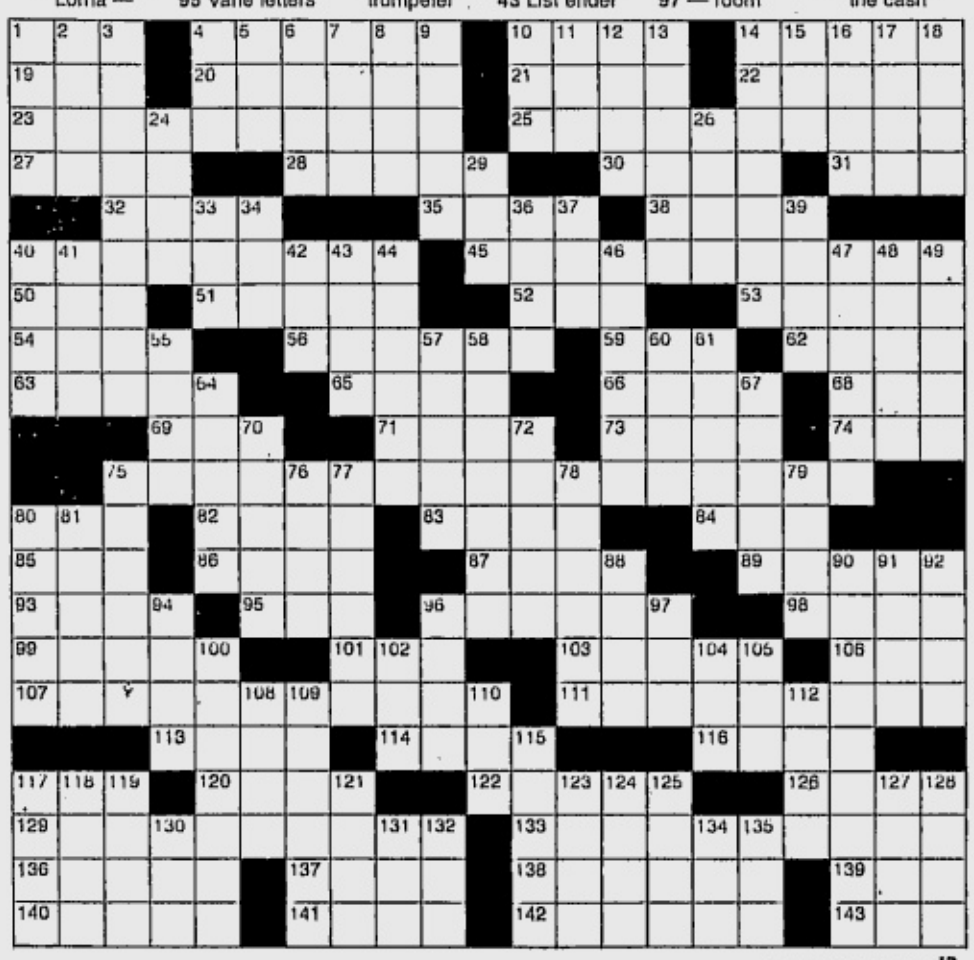

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Ngo Lee, Lee-Chua chose a quiet life instead of flexing her skills in the business world. Lee, her daughter says, graduated at the top of her class at the University of the Philippines, but gave up her medical career to raise her kids.

"I never had a tutor. My mother was my first teacher," Lee-Chua says. "The time she spent with me, my sister and my brother was not wasted. I wouldn't have achieved what I have if it weren't for her."

Her mother also spoke in terribly broken Tagalog, but studied the language just so she could teach her children properly.

Inspired

But it was really her students who inspired Lee-Chua to continue teaching.

She fondly tells the story of a young scholar named Miguel, whose little barrio down south threw a fiesta for him before he left for Manila because he was the town's first-ever local to set foot at the AdMU.

Miguel was the archetypical *probinsyano*—he walked the walk and talked the talk. Thick eyeglasses were perched on his anxious face, and when he came to class, he immediately planted himself in the front row, feverishly taking down every little thing Lee-Chua said.

When he failed in his first exam, Lee-Chua was perplexed. She knew he was on scholarship. So he gave the boy a diagnostic exam, and learned that his Math skills equaled that of a third-grader.

"He didn't even know how to add fractions," she says.

None of Lee-Chua's colleagues were willing to work with Miguel, because so much work was needed for him to pass the class. But Miguel had that determined look to pass, she recalls, so despite her initial hesitations, Lee-Chua took him under her tutelage.

She borrowed books from the grade school library, and got him started with Grade 3, 4 and 5 textbooks. Miguel had more than 100 exercises night and day, Monday to Sunday. During semestral and Christmas breaks he stayed behind, and Lee-Chua continued to give him homework and tests.

"Ateneo was very understanding. Miguel wasn't the only student like that, but he certainly had the biggest heart."

The sacrifice was well worth it, she says. Miguel began earning above-average math grades under different professors, and eventually graduated without flunking marks. He is now married, has his own business with offices in Makati and the province, and Lee-Chua is his son's *ninang*.

"Math makes you patient. It forces you to think. [Filipinos] are so used to instant gratifications. They want everything at once. [But] that's not the way life is," she says.

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World math competition opens doors to Filipino wizards

THE HIGHLY anticipated Sakamoto World Mathematics Competition 2004 opens its doors to mathematically gifted Filipino students.

The contest, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand in March next year, is organized by Sakamoto Educational Systems in Singapore and Sakamoto Seminar in Japan. It will be preceded by a Sakamoto National Math Competition in various countries.

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sibilities." The event, he added, was "really about raising the profile (of the four nations) as educational destinations."

In the open forum, Ramonciito Bernales, New Zealand trade commissioner, said it was understandable for Filipino parents to send their children to the US where they would feel safer given the number of *kababayan* there, most likely including their own relatives. But Canada's Robert McCubing pointed out that Filipino communities were growing in many countries. Given the number of overseas Filipino workers in Canada, more students would probably find friends, if not relatives, based there.

Andrew King of Australia said his country's educational system offered some 15,000 different courses. "I haven't found an (student's) interest yet that could not be accommodated in Australian schools," he said. Jansen Mayor of the UK said assurance of quality was a major draw for the country, which had some of the oldest and most prestigious educational institutions in the world. The government had established an assessment system that regularly gauged the effectiveness and efficiency of British education.

The educational fair, which was first held early last year, would have 12 booths but several schools from each country represented to answer inquiries, Bernales said.

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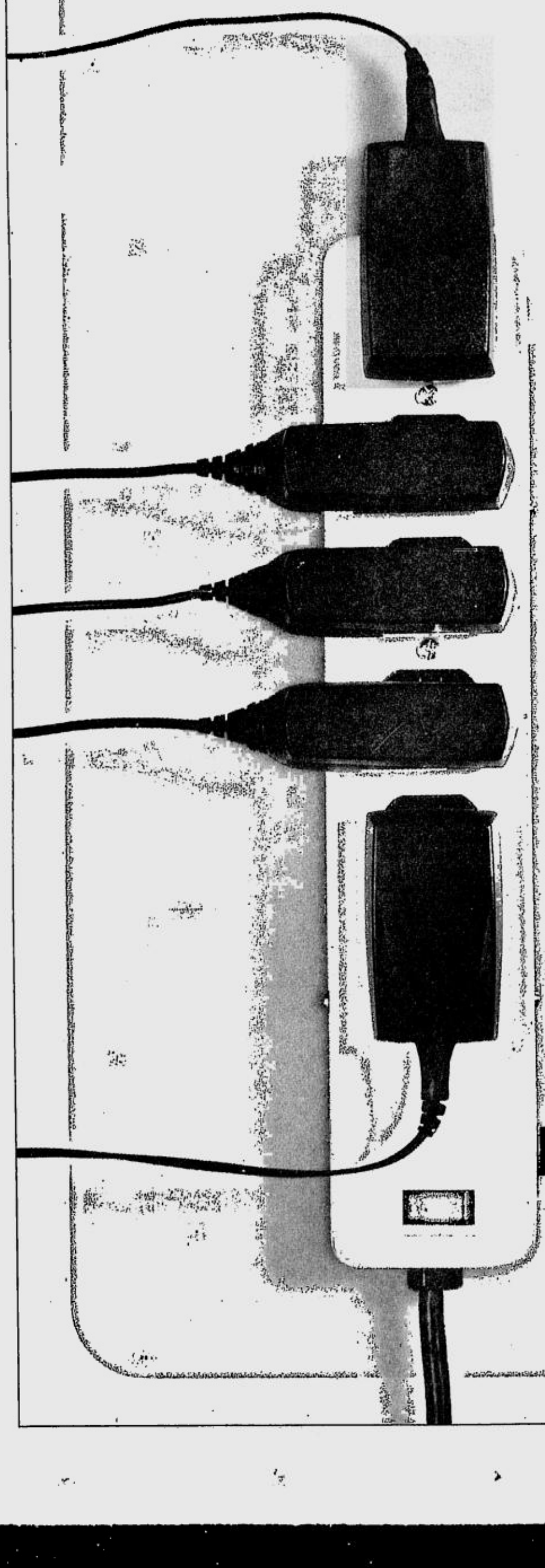

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By Annabel Corrales
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THE WEDDING of Chris Feist to Katrina Goulbourn promptly began at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, at the Basilica di San Lorenzo, in the heart of Florence. The church, an example of early Renaissance architecture, was consecrated in 393 by St. Ambrose of Milan and later owned by the Medici family.

The wedding was a formal affair so majority of the women guests wore long gowns.

Except for the traditional wedding vows, everything else was surprisingly untraditional. The bridal entourage walked on a red carpet instead of the usual white to match the color motif the bride chose—fall colors in reds, purples, amber and gold.

The groom and the groomsmen were in black tuxedos with red silk cravats and vests of red and gold. The groom also wore a beautiful embroidered vest of red and gold. I have never seen anything like it. Chris was so handsome!

Roses and orchids

The pews were decorated with fresh peach roses and white orchids, which were also in the huge bouquets at the altar.

First to walk down the aisle were Ting (Rosa) and Ed Feist, parents of the groom. Ting, in a plum silk cocoon gown, walked regally like the proud mother of a handsome prince. The fabric of her dress was woven by weavers of Jeannie Goulbourn (mother of the bride).

Behind Ting and Ed came the four principal sponsors (including Ramon, my husband). Jeannie provided the dresses in shades of purple of the female principal sponsors Lissa Jacinto Bjorkenstam and Didi Dimblad. Michael Yap stood in for his father Enrique, the other male sponsor.

The secondary sponsors were also dressed in gowns with the color motif—Frances Lim in a red satin Slim's creation, Mark Higgins in his own silk brocade jacket, Sandy Higgins in one of brother Mark's designs, James Lane Sr. in a Silk Cocoon *barong* and dear friends Greg Akselrud and Melissa Dulac.

3-person design team

Katrina helped design her gown assisted by her mother although it was her cousin, Mark Higgins, a very creative designer, who was mainly responsible for the wedding gown and the clothes of members of the main entourage.

Keith Feist, son of Chris' brother Mark, was ring bearer while Natalie Feist was a junior bridesmaid and coin bearer, carrying 13 gold coins. Both, in matching silk outfits also designed by Mark, carried beautiful gold pillows for the rings and coins.

Natalie, like the maid of honor and bridesmaids, wore her hair adorned with ribbons, reminiscent of the Florentine maidens of old.

There were two bridesmaids, Carly Adler and Luccia Jacinto, dressed in iridescent amber taffeta gowns with orange pine silk as base, slightly differing in designs. Maid of

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RON and Jocelyn (Barrera) Lim, parents Sydney and Jean Goulbourn, grandma Amy Lim, Katrina and Chris, Emily Lien and Joann Lim Mendonca

A Florentine wedding for a *design princess*

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honor, Yumi Prentice, was in a draped gown of taffeta and velvet in a slightly different shade of iridescent amber.

The appearance of the bride, flanked by her parents, made many of us teary-eyed, as in most weddings. It was also the biggest surprise of the day. Katrina was dressed like a Renaissance princess. She looked exquisite against marble sculptures of saints and frescoed walls and dome ceiling. Her wedding gown was not the traditional white or off-white but was the color of golden butter.

Glittering like jewel

The gown designed by Mark was draped by her grand aunt, Consuelo Barbaran, who worked with Slim's through out her career. Katrina's veil was of the same color and glittered in gold. She wore no tiara or headdress but she looked elegant, her hair combed in a twist with the back lined on one side with small golden rose buds.

Jeannie wore a beautiful crinkled Silk Cocoon silk gown of iridescent red and gold with matching shawl. She also designed her necklace and earrings as well and looked like a queen mother. Sidney Goulbourn, father of the bride, was in a black Nehru suit.

Katrina carried a bouquet of peach roses, yellow freesias and white lisianthus.

Three priests said the wedding Mass. Jeannie's brother from San Francsico, Ron Lim, was narrator. An opera singer and dear friend, Karine Dubreuil Sereni, sang three songs at the wedding.

As bride and groom left the church, they were showered with rose petals.

Filipino princess

Tourists outside the church took pictures, many of them wondering who were married. Katrina's uncle from England joked that she was a princess from the Philippines. She certainly looked like one, especially with the bridesmaids holding her train up.

Katrina and Chris hired four air-conditioned buses to take the guests to Fiesole, 30-minutes from Florence, where the reception was held—at the Costello di Vincigliata, an 11th century castle on a hill overlooking Florence.

Three large tables (with waiters dressed like royal subjects) were laden with Italian cheeses, breads, meats, wine and punch.

There were about 100 guests, including the Corrales cousins from Australia, Ana and Joaquin Loyzaga and their daughter Natalie and her husband Ross. One of the Feist's guest was Philippe Lhuillier from Cebu, Philippine ambassador to Italy.

The wedding dinner was a full-course Italian meal, starting with two kinds of pasta.

Next came the entreé—medallions of guinea fowl with fresh pistachio and thyme stuffing. It was served with a bi-color flan of carrots and spinach.

The third course was fresh salad with raisins, pine seeds and Parmesan cheese.

The wedding cake was served next, a one-layer Italian cake as huge as a mahjong table. The base was like cheesecake but creamy like pudding. The top was lavishly covered with fresh fruits.

Around the cake were fresh fall flowers.

A touch of the Philippines

Jeannie brought from the Philippines glass vases and other décor for the dinner table. They looked like Italian Murano glass, shaped like long-stemmed flowers. At the center were a small calla lily and some greenery. Votive candles on the tables were made by a foundation for the poor run by nuns that Jeannie helps, the St. Claire Patronage.

The table setting was designed by Jeannie's dear friends Nena Tantoco and Tina Quiros from Manila.

KATRINA and Chris with parents Ed and Rosa Feist

KATRINA being helped by mom Jeannie

Edward Feist, the groom's younger brother, was master of ceremonies. There were speeches—first from the father of the bride who said he always wanted a son and now, after years of trying, they finally had one! He was quite funny.

Next to speak and give the blessing for dinner was Ramon. He talked about the real meaning of marriage. Ed, Chris' father, recalled how the newlyweds met.

Natalie Feist surprised the bride and groom with a ballet number, dancing to Josh Groban's "The Prayer," sang with Charlotte Church.

Then the maid of honor, Yumi Prentice (Katrina's best friend), and the best man, Guhan Selvaretnam, (Chris' best friend from Sri Lanka), gave very funny and touching speeches.

The dinner ended with hot pralines, coffees and spirits. Then there was dancing in the courtyard of the castle with a jazz band playing.

The bride and groom honeymooned first around Italy then Paris, where Katrina lived for two years.

Wedding give-away was handmade two tassels of polished stones that could be used for lamps or hangings. Katrina placed them inside a gold-lined red silk package, embroidered with a Florentine emblem, a flower that looked like a pineapple. The emblem, also in the wedding invitations, was taken from a hand-printed paper she bought in Florence on a previous trip. The napkin rings, beaded butterflies from the Philippines, were also given to guests.

The Feists hosted the rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding, that was attended by Jeannie's 81-year-old mother who looks 50! Jeannie and Ting, mothers of bride and groom, gave after-dinner speeches.

BRIDESMAIDS Carly Adler and Luccia Jacinto, friend Mireille Ferrari and maid of honor Yumi Prentice

THE CORRALES family : Rachel (Sands), Annabel, Ramon, Anna Lisa

JUNIOR bridesmaid Natalie Feist, Chris' little sister

THE COUPLE with friend, soprano Karine Dubreuil-Sereni

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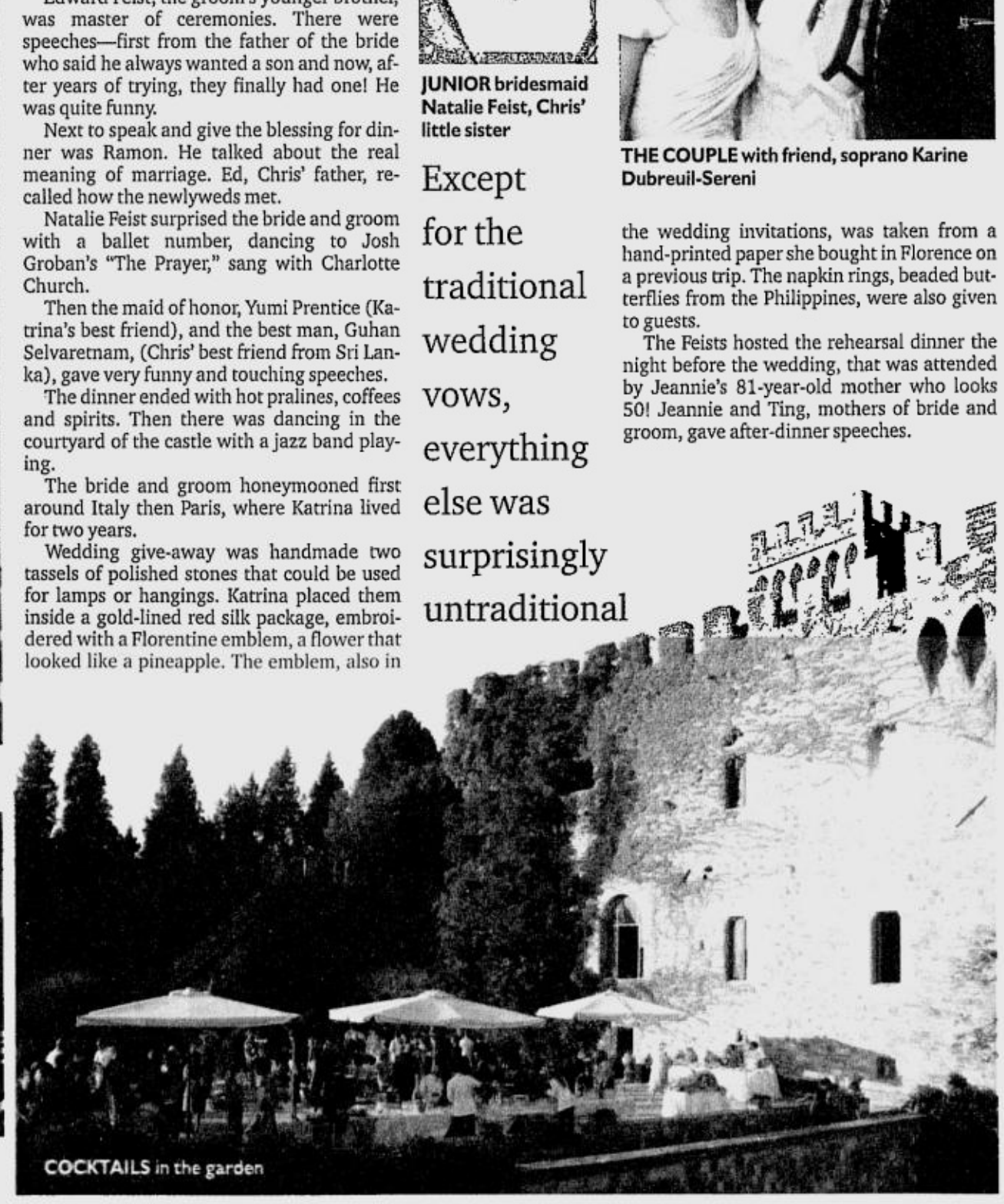
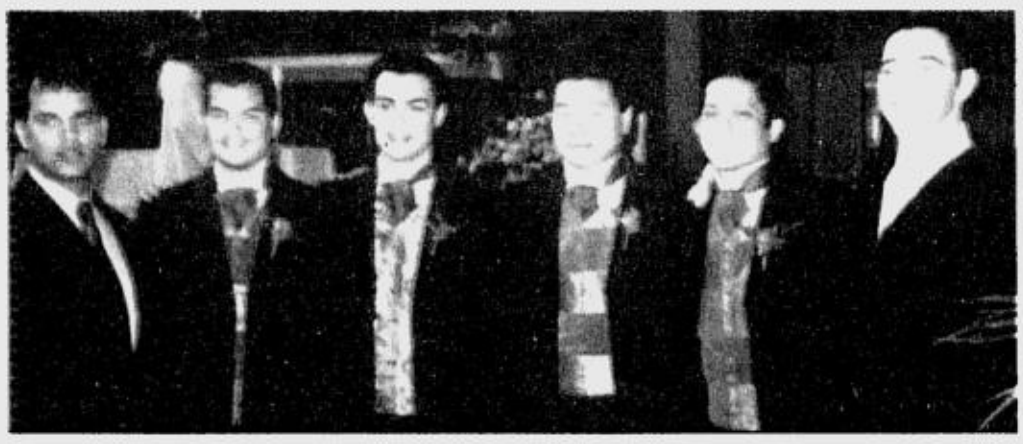


COCKTAILS in the garden



STEVE Sidhi, groomsman and brother Ed Feist, Chris, Charles Park, GM Teddy Manotoc and secondary sponsor Greg Akselrud

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PASCUAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Samuel Pascual Sr. and **Marlene Gregorios** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21 at the ballroom of Marco Polo Hotel in Davao City. Both retired, as a salesman and language teacher, respectively, Sammy and Marlene are blessed with 10 children and 16 grandchildren.

VILLARIBA-SARMIENTO

Christopher and **Irish Villariba** tied the knot on Oct. 18 at Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Quezon City. Reception was held at Cycad Garden of Fernwood, Quezon City.

Milestones

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RODRIGUEZ DEBUT

Keithy "Kaye" Rodriguez, daughter of **Paquito** and **Fel Rodriguez**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Oct. 16 at the Rigodon Ballroom, Manila Peninsula.

Keithy wore a tangerine strapless silk shantung ball gown accented by chiffon draped at the empire. Hand-sewn embellishment of crystals, cut beads and rhinestones added glimmer to the gown, which was designed by **Rudie Baylon**.

MENCIAS DEBUT

Marianne Madelaine Mencias, daughter of engineer **Reynaldo** and **Maybeleine Mencias**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Nov. 14 at Coconut Palace, CCP Complex.

Marianne will wear a frosted pink organdy bouffant gown embellished with beads and sand crystals by **Leonard Co.**

DE LEON DEBUT

Monica de Leon celebrated her debut last Oct. 11. She wore an off-shoulder beaded gown with a detachable drape skirt accentuated with butterfly and flowerettes by **Malou Castillejos** of C&C Creative Concepts

IRWIN-JOSE

Pacita Christina Jose, daughter of **Bayani** and **Rowena Aquino-Jose**, is set to wed **George Justin Irwin**, son of **Roy** and **Hilary Irwin** of Donegal Town, Ireland, on Nov. 14 at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park. Reception will follow at Manila Peninsula Hotel Makati.

The bridal gown was created by **Patis Tesoro**.

PADILLA-AFABLE

John Padilla, son of **Jaime Padilla** and Dr. **Nilda Bernales**, married **Mylene Afable**, daughter of **Remberto** and **Carmelita Afable**, on Oct. 18 at the Shrine of Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life. Reception followed at Rizal Ballroom Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

The bride wore a **Rem Divino** gown made of white duchess satin. The bodice was encrusted with Swarovski beads in white, pink and silver.

ESTURAS-ESCAÑO

Hiram Vincent O. Esturas, second son of **Merlin** and the late **Jesus Esturas** of Sabang, San Jose Camarines Sur, and **Loida I. Escaño**, eldest daughter of **Teresita** and the late **Faustino Escaño** of Biñan Laguna, tied the knot at Sta. Rosa de Lima Parish Church, Laguna on Sept. 13. The reception was held at the club house of Laguna Bel-Air Subdivision, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

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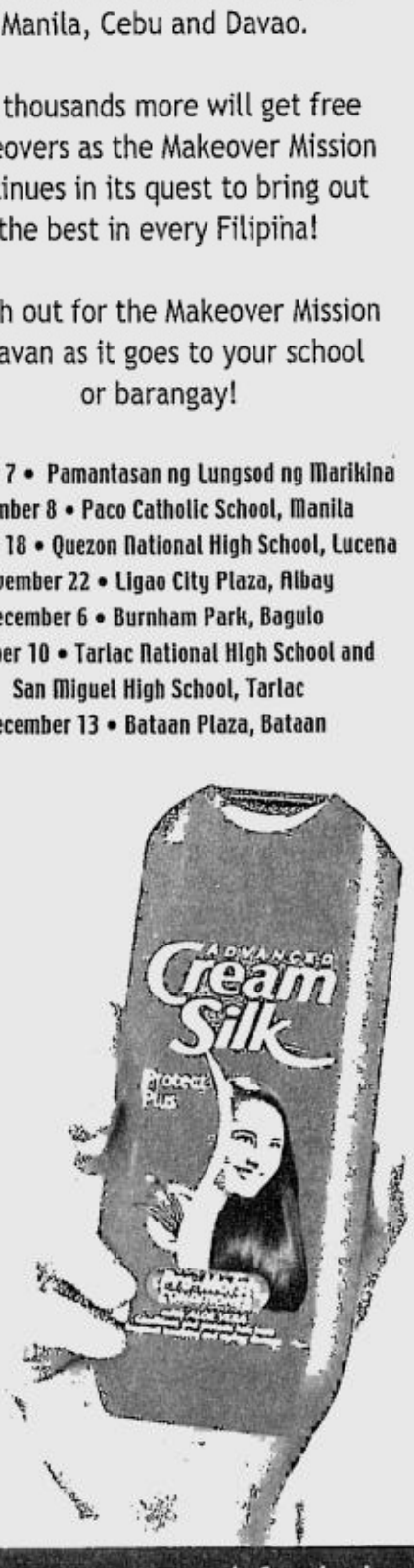

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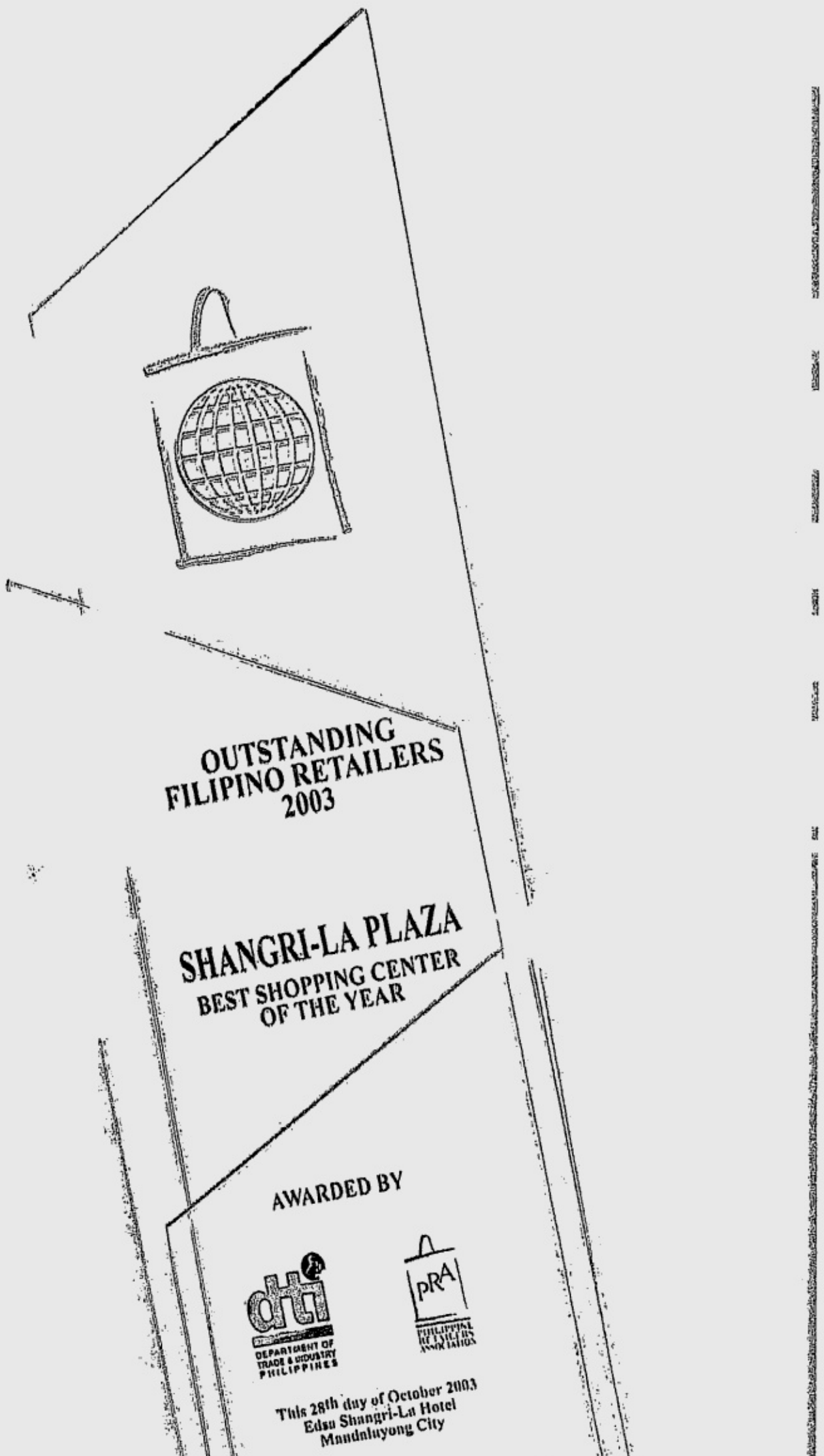

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- Proficient in Microsoft Software applications
- Strong interpersonal/communication skills; can work effectively across language and cultural barriers
- Progress in / completion of industry (i.e. FLMI, CLU) and previous life insurance and/or customer service designation are added advantages.

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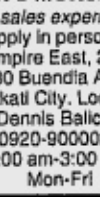

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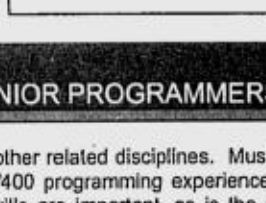

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- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Male or Female not over 25 years old.

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- Knowledgeable with TSPICE/Pspice parametric extraction, for layout verification and simulation.
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- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Male or Female not over 25 years old.

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Qualifications:
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- Can work with minimum supervision and extended hours.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
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[Position Code: AD03-001]

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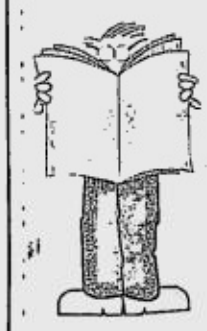

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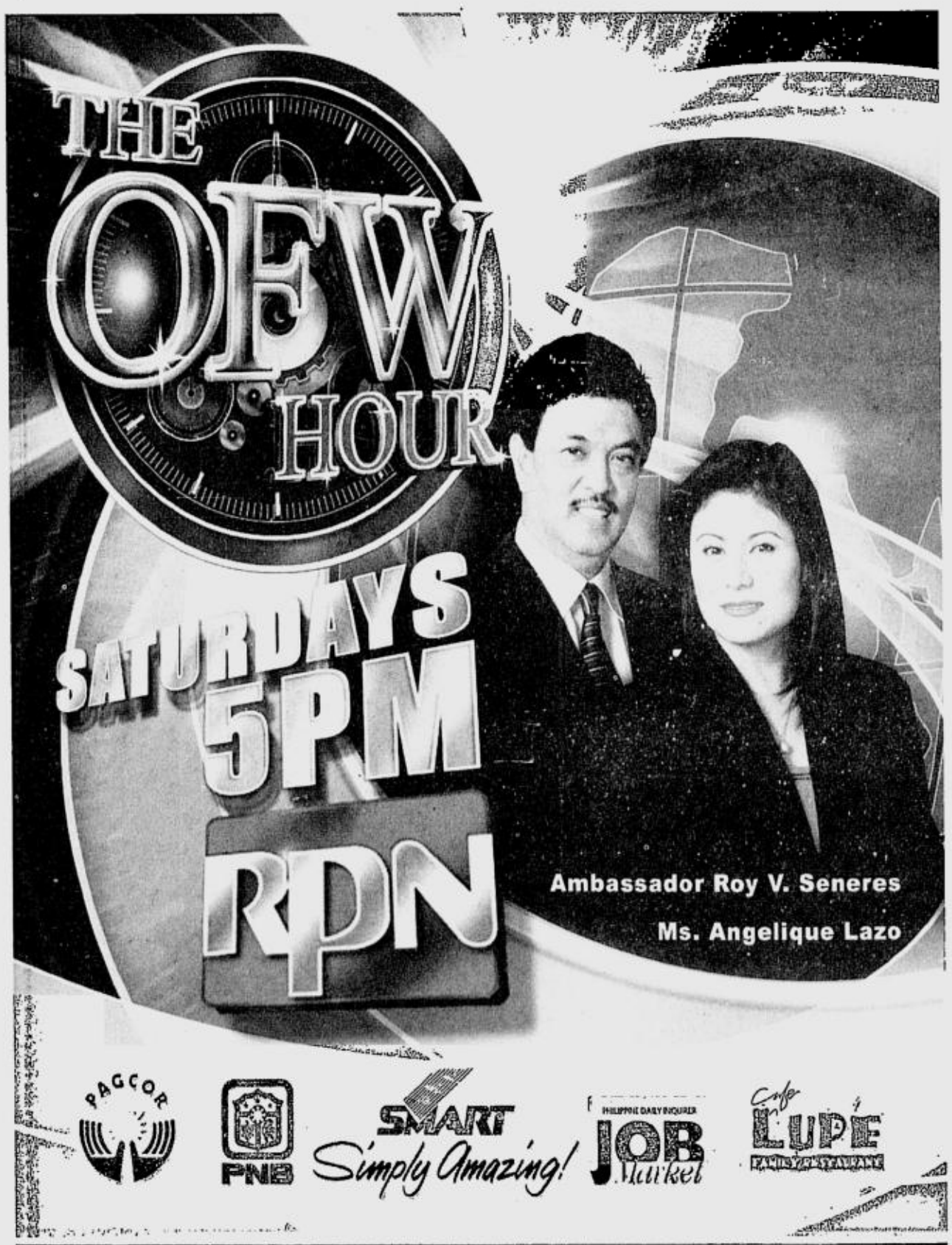

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HR manager's goal is to make a difference

By Candy G. Villanueva

UNDERPRIVILEGED kids, CPAs, high school students and employees—these are the "constituents" served by human resource professional, Dina Rosini, whose life's goal is to make a difference in people's lives.

Rosini is presently the HRMD Division Manager of Cinderella Marketing Corporation. A fashion retail store that has been operating for 55 years, Cinderella is home to dozens of local fashionable lines. Cinderella is also the exclusive marketing arm of popular imported brands like U2, Esprit, British India, Oshkosh and Naf Naf, among others. Before entering HR, she used to be an NGO worker and guidance counselor in the academe.

HR Focus

Helping kids

Roughly 13 years in the HR field, Rosini prepared for her career with a college degree in psychology. Her interest in people urged her to study the human mind and behavior further at the University of Santo Thomas Graduate School where she completed a master's degree on psychology. However, even with this degree in hand, she still plans to take a doctoral degree or another degree in HR or law.

After understanding human behavior, Rosini probably yearned to help in the upliftment of the human condition. She worked with a non-government organization, ERDA (Educational and Research Development Assistance Foundation), as a researcher. In this job, she wrote fund proposals to retrieve drop-outs and potential school leavers, send underprivileged kids to school and provide assistance to the children's families and their communities.

From NGO work, she progressed to looking after children's well-being. She then worked as a guidance counselor for high school kids at the Angelicum School.

Helping adults

From this campus environment, she moved to the corporate setting and immersed herself in accounting at Ramon Garcia Accounting and Consulting. It was here where she learned human resources work. She designed seminars and trainings for accountants and software developers to be accredited by PICPA (Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants). She was then the company's accredited program director of PICPA.

With this exposure to the human resources field, Rosini discovered that she could also make a difference in people's lives in HR work. She tried her hand in HR and moved to a manufacturing company (derma/pharma products/marketing) as HRD manager. From there, she transferred to a construction conglomerate and finally to Cinderella Marketing Corporation.

Different personalities

Rosini credits her confidence in handling HR work to her academic preparations. She adds, "Also, I was given enough exposure from my stint with an NGO. It was then that I got very interested in people, training and so thereafter, I focused and concentrated in my career in HR."

As HR manager, Rosini handles every HR function from hiring right down to retirement. Her job exposes her to different kinds of people such as management executives, more than 1,000 employees and hundreds of applicants every month. Not every encounter though is pleasant. She deals with difficult people effectively by "always putting myself in the shoes of others in analyzing situations." Steeped in psychology, Rosini understands the uniqueness of every individual. She knows she cannot please everybody and only relies on patience and perseverance when it comes to dealing with people. "I believe in democratic approaches but with limitations of course. I believe that a lot of managers need to apply different management and leadership styles with a situational approach, on a case to case basis."

DINA Rosini PHOTO BY JOHNNY VILLENA

And what if all else fails? She shrugs and says, "I never take things personally. Work is work and we should always learn from the past and try not to commit the same mistake next time."

Challenges

With more than a decade of HR experience in hand, Rosini advises young professionals to concentrate on gaining experience and improving their craft. "I have interviewed a lot of young professionals and most of the time, they lack the will and enthusiasm to earn from the start," she recounts. "They thought all the while that since they are now professionals, they can just demand and ask for the compensation package without realizing the fact that they should prove their worth first and increase their marketability."

An indispensable asset of Cinderella, Rosini increases her marketability with a "wholesome attitude about life." Wisely she adds, "theories are just theories if we will not put them in practice."

Rosini lives for challenges not only in her job but in her personal life as well. An athletic person by nature, Rosini plays badminton, lawn tennis and goes biking every morning. "I love the feeling of pushing myself to finish the ride even after the point of exhaustion." As for HR, she continues riding the crest and constantly pushes herself and her people to be able to make a difference.

How to jump-start ...

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were here. Many times, the past tends to serve as a grim reminder of how helpless or powerless they were. If these memories continue to be top of their mind, they will never be able to unleash their talents and potentials.

It's nice to remember the past, but it will no longer have a bearing on what you will do in the future. What is more important is to use the present moment to do what needs to be done in order to be the best of what you can be in the future. If you want to look back, let the past remind you of your or others' mistakes so that you will avoid them now and in the future.

Have a snapshot of the kind of future you want. Make it clear and easy to understand, believe in it and sell it to others who will share that future with you. Together, build that future with every present moment you have today. If you truly want to succeed, look to the future – it's where you will spend the rest of your life.

5. **Have fun.** Many successful people have a great career or business. But more than that, they have a great life. I don't believe in working your butt off in order to accumulate a fortune you can retire on and enjoy the rest of your life or whatever is left of it. I believe in enjoying life even as you start your own career or business. If your career or business will make you lead a miserable life, stop and think. Maybe, that career or business is not for you. I have a simple advice, "Love it or leave it."

I have good news for you. Most of the successful people I know are having fun with their careers or businesses. They're simply enjoying their jobs or businesses. Here's the bad news. I know several people who are not having fun in their careers. I happen to know that their bosses aren't happy with them, too.

When you feel like dragging your feet to work, it could be a sign that you need to reassess your options. Surely, there is life beyond what you do now—whether you are "enslaving" yourself in somebody else's employ or running a business you really didn't like in the first place.

Whether you are tending to your business or career, there is increasing competition these days. The only way to stay on top is to be ahead of the rest of the pack. Marking time or keeping abreast with the rest is not good enough. Jump-start, leapfrog and stay ahead!

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How do you get people in the right mood to brainstorm?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I've been running brainstorming meetings in our marketing department, but getting ideas out of people is like pulling teeth. Do you have any tips for spurring people's creativity?

Trying to Sniff out Great Ideas

Your email reminded me of a "want ad" I once saw. The University of Illinois was looking for 15 women to take part in an experiment in which they would be asked to smell . . . pig manure. Now, I've heard of fraternity pranks, but pig manure? Turns out, researchers were trying to create better smelling pigs by testing the olfactory results of various pig diets. They hired women because estrogen improves sensitivity to smells (and, speaking from experience, most male college students wouldn't be able to distinguish between pig manure and the smell of their dorm room).

But most of us don't need estrogen to smell the "BS" where we work. In fact, we get so good at being critical, that it's hard to stop being judgmental even at times when it gets in the way. And that's the case with brainstorming. The following tips should help you get better results from your brainstorming meetings and, given the amount of change at work today, should be used often. For more, check out "Emotional Intelligence at Work" by Hendrie Weisinger (Jossey-Bass, 1998).

Don't criticize. Criticism stops brainstorming right in its tracks. That's why the cardinal rule of brainstorming is to just write each idea down while asking everybody in the group to withhold their judgment. Sure, some of the ideas will stink, but you have to go through this process to get to the sweet-smelling ones. There will be plenty of time to evaluate the ideas later.

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Go for wild. Weisinger points out that it's much easier to tame a wild idea than to make a creative solution out of a lame one. So encourage people to let go. The wilder the idea, the better.

Go for quantity. There's an old maxim: "The best way to have a great idea is to have lots of ideas." Most of our corporate lives are spent focusing on quality, not quantity. This is one time when it's important to just crank up the numbers.

No nitpicking

Leave details for later. When it comes to brainstorming, the devil IS in the details. There's nothing like getting mired in minutiae to inhibit creativity. So when people start nitpicking the ideas of others, remind them that the time to make the ideas work will come later in the process.

Use ideas as catalysts for others. Explain that brainstorming is a contact sport. Encourage employees to build on the ideas of others, contradict the ideas of others, or go in a totally different direction. Once employees start using coworkers' ideas as springboards, you'll get better ideas and you'll get a reputation for hosting great meetings.

And you know what? I bet after hearing about the pig manure gig, having your nose to the grindstone probably doesn't sound so bad.

Poll results

Here are the results of our last workingwounded.com/ABC news.com poll: What is the best way to get new ideas at work?

—Have meetings in which people are encouraged to brainstorm, 24.7%

—Stop going to meetings, 27.7%

—Meet away from the workplace, 47.5%

Our winning strategy for generating great ideas comes from Allen C. in Palatka, FL. "I loved your pig manure story and it relates directly to my experience since I always say in my brainstorming guidelines to 'piggyback on the ideas of others in the group.' To provide better focus, the topic needs to be clearly defined. Set a time limit. Better to number the ideas as they are written down so to have a way to reference them in the future. Finally, some groups need a 'warm up' to get the juices flowing. One I use is to brainstorm all the uses for a leather belt as the only thing you have as a naked person who has washed up on a deserted island (limit to 5 minutes). This gets humorous!"

(Send feedback to bob@workingwounded.com.)

What I would have been if I were not stuck in my job

By Ron C.

POSTCARDS *from the* CORPORATE EDGE

MANY of us stay in our jobs chiefly because of the money. The economy has so limited our options that we have no choice but to stay in our jobs or get involved in investment scams touted as cash cows, money trees and gold mines.

But have you ever wondered what you would have become if you were not stuck in your present career today? Or what you would have accomplished if you were given the chance to get away from it all? J. D. Salinger's famous character, Holden Caulfield, ponders upon the second question, in particular, and he figures that he'd settle with being just the "catcher in the rye."

Here's my own personal list of obscure what-if careers.

1. I would've been an "eventologist." I'm a city boy at heart. I was born in Manila and it was here where I spent my formative years, a fact that left an indelible mark on my soul. My urban life got aborted at age six when my parents decided to move us to an obscure place in Pangasinan, where I endured a long, torturous exile. What would explain my fascination for dance music and club wear? I may not subscribe to the reputation attending club culture, but I know what's good fun when I see it.

2. I would've been a "birder," if not an ornithologist. (Just because I'm a city boy at heart doesn't mean I don't love the outdoors.) I would've been tracking the trail of the Eastern sarus crane, which hasn't been seen for quite sometime, or in hot pursuit of an as yet unrecorded species, making a headcount of existing spoonbills, and cataloging an island's unknown number of raptors.

3. I would've been a hand in an oceanarium. Here, my world would've been far more colorful, literally. Since I wasn't endowed with gills, I will have to settle with walking around, peering admiringly at the fishes between glass cases.

4. I would've been a lepidopterist, or someone who mounts and frames dead butterflies. I have a long-standing fascination for butterflies and colorful moths. I am crazy enough to track down the path of their flight and their life cycle, discover their favorite hangout in the garden, and eventually, learn how to preserve these delicate creatures. But then, you ask... This is a job? Yes, other people have latched on to the idea and made a great business out of it, too. (Ever heard of lepidomosaics and butterfly farms?)

5. I would've been a researcher for the National Geographic investigating the very concept of evolution, probing the disturbing question posed by a sage: "If man evolved from apes, then why are there still apes?" I know this kind of life might involve getting cooped up in a laboratory. I know this kind of life will trap me into being an academic, always doing consecutive follow-ups to a longitudinal study of an often very limited scope and implication, always pressured to "further mystify my curriculum vitae" as writer Dolores Stephens-Feria once put it. It's virtually a trap so I might as well enjoy it.

6. I would've been a dog breeder. I have this lofty dream of building Canine Kingdom, a dog zoo, showcasing all the known breeds of dogs around the world.

7. If not a zookeeper, I would've been a taxidermist. I love watching and feeding zoo animals, and stuffing them when they are dead. I love animals, period.

8. Come to think of it, I would've been a professional beach comber, too, if not a professional beach bum. Protecting corals and selling seashells by the seashore, writing giant messages of peace and love on the sand, making sand sculptures, snorkeling, nibbling on seaweed, feeding the fishes with bread, and riding on the back of dolphins—all to the tune of reggae music. Of course, the prerequisite to this kind of job is a degree of mental disorder.

9. I would've been a professional hobbyist (philatelist, numismatist, etc.), where I can indulge in my other bizarre boyhood passions. Collecting postage stamps, coins, rocks, seashells, and miniature models of ships, cars, trains, bicycles and airplanes; trading rare items with other enthusiasts. (Once upon a time, collecting things made me feel like a sex fetishist.) It's splendidly trivial, yes, but pretty fun.

10. I would've been a museum hand, if not a museum curator. I would love to be in the exalted company of dead people like Monet, van Gogh, Picasso, Renoir, Degas, Matisse and Mirò. I would be surrounded by objets d'arts. I would also be dealing with cases of thefts and forgeries, restoration, overpricing, and educational tours. Not bad.

This list is by no means comprehensive but, I guess, I have stripped myself far more than necessary to make it into a test, The Catcher in the Rye Test. (Writer Cristina Pantoja-Hidalgo once said, "What is writing but stripping?") Why not do your own list instead and discover how much you don't know about yourself? Who knows, this self-administered test might help you finally discover your own special niche? One less confused soul means a less confusing world.

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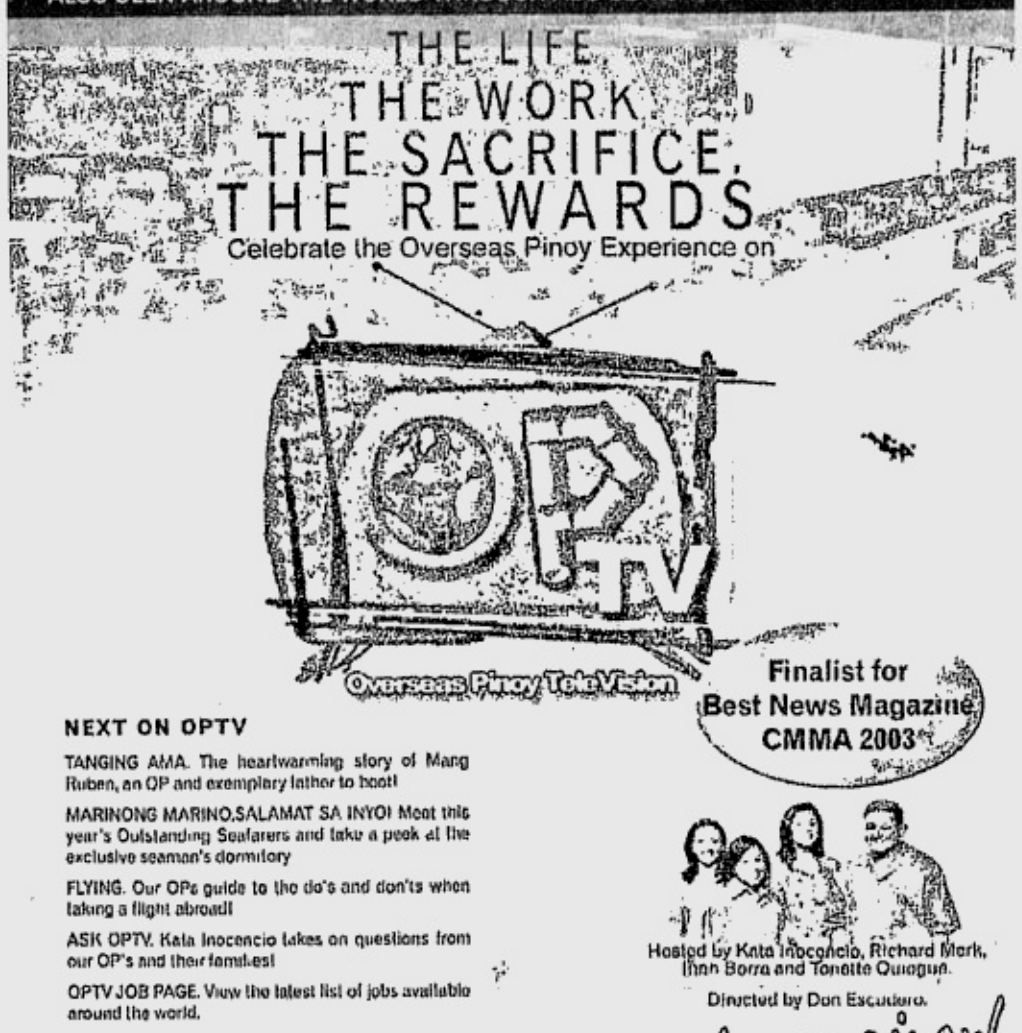

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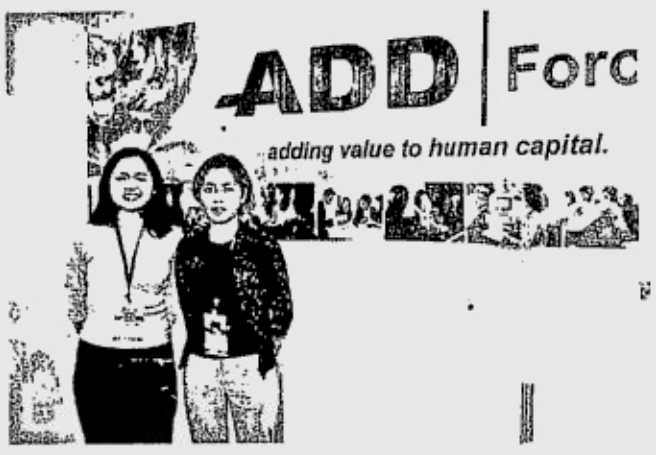

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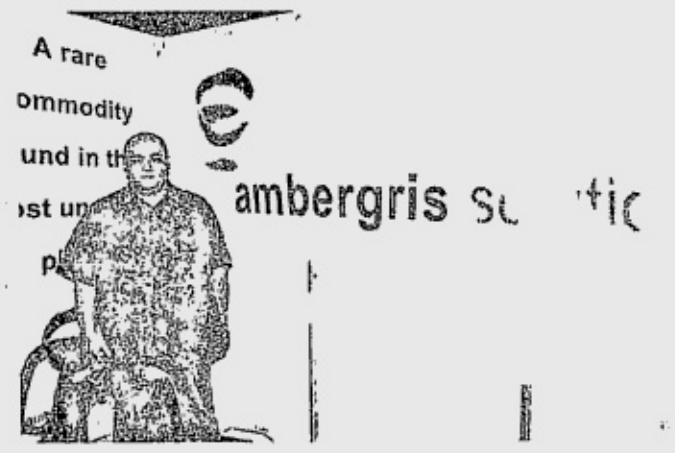

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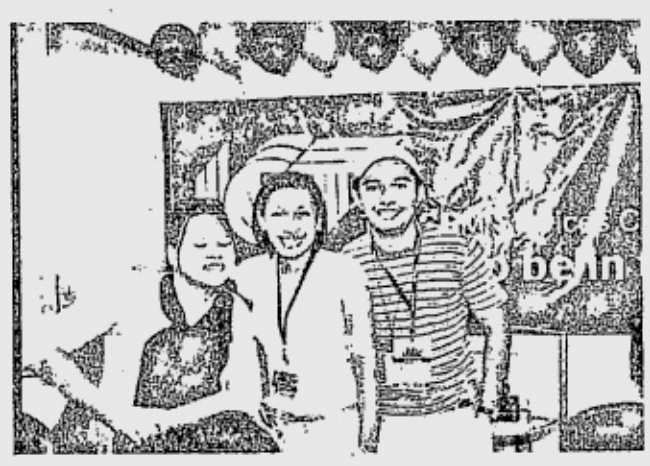

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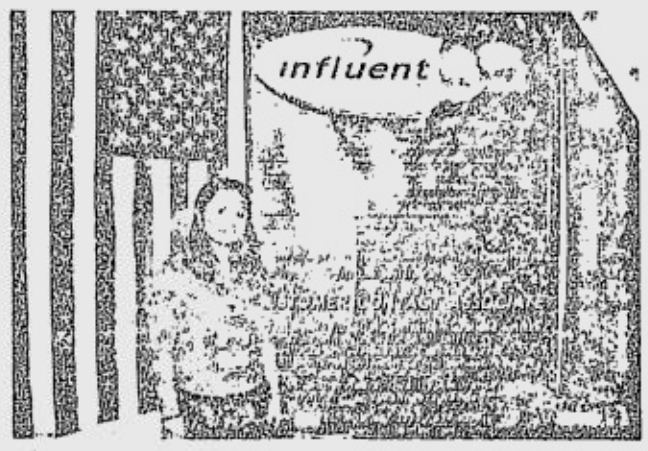

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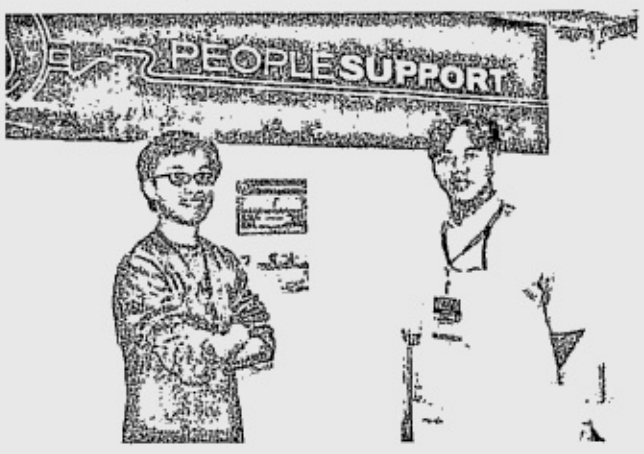

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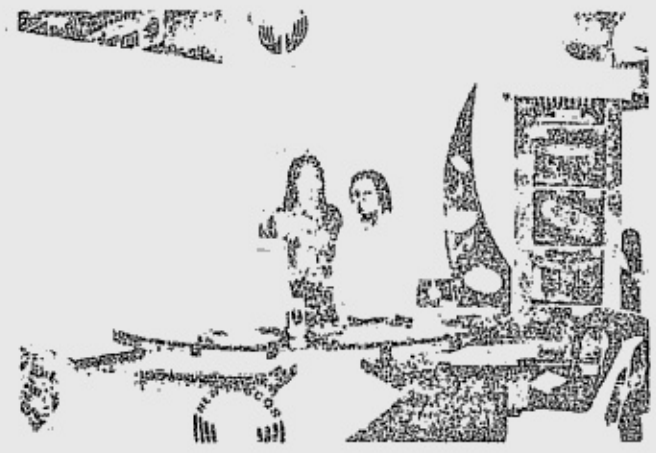

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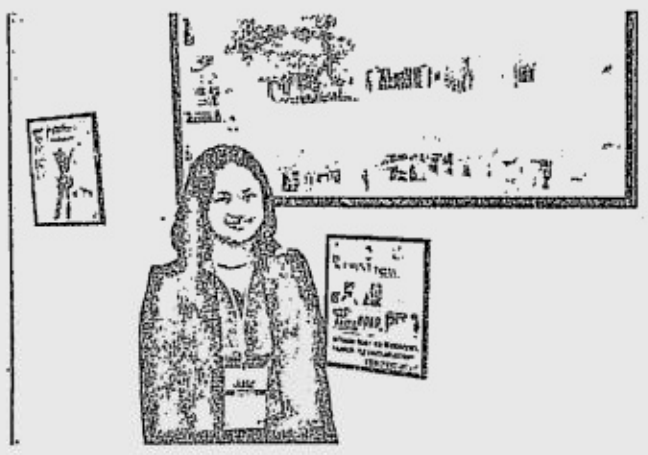

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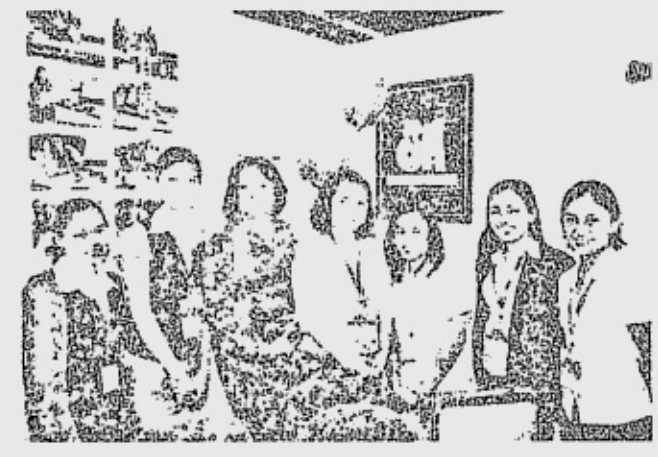

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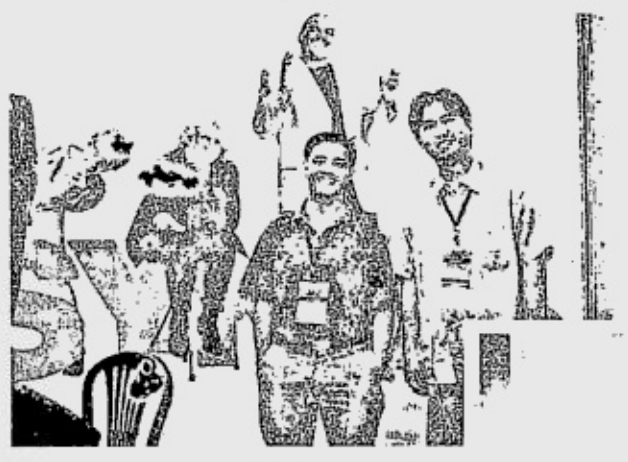

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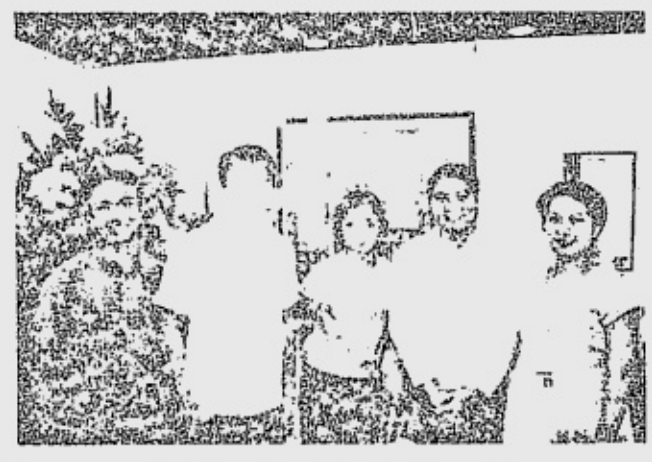

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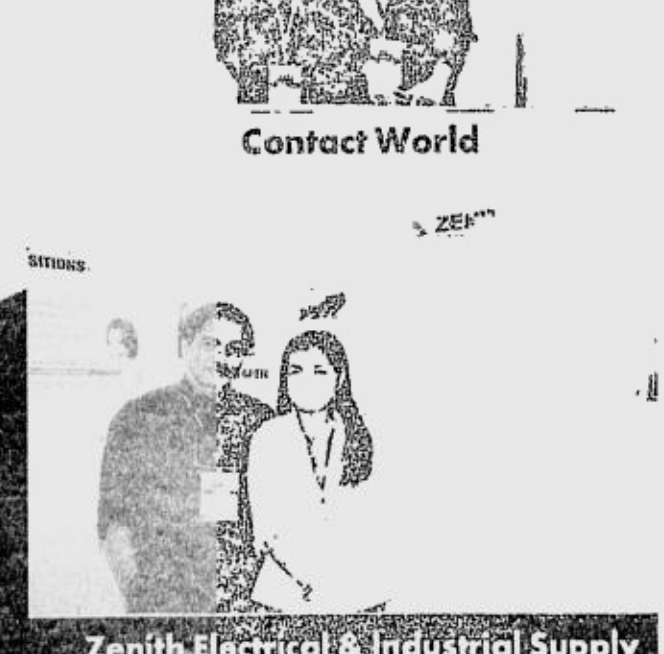

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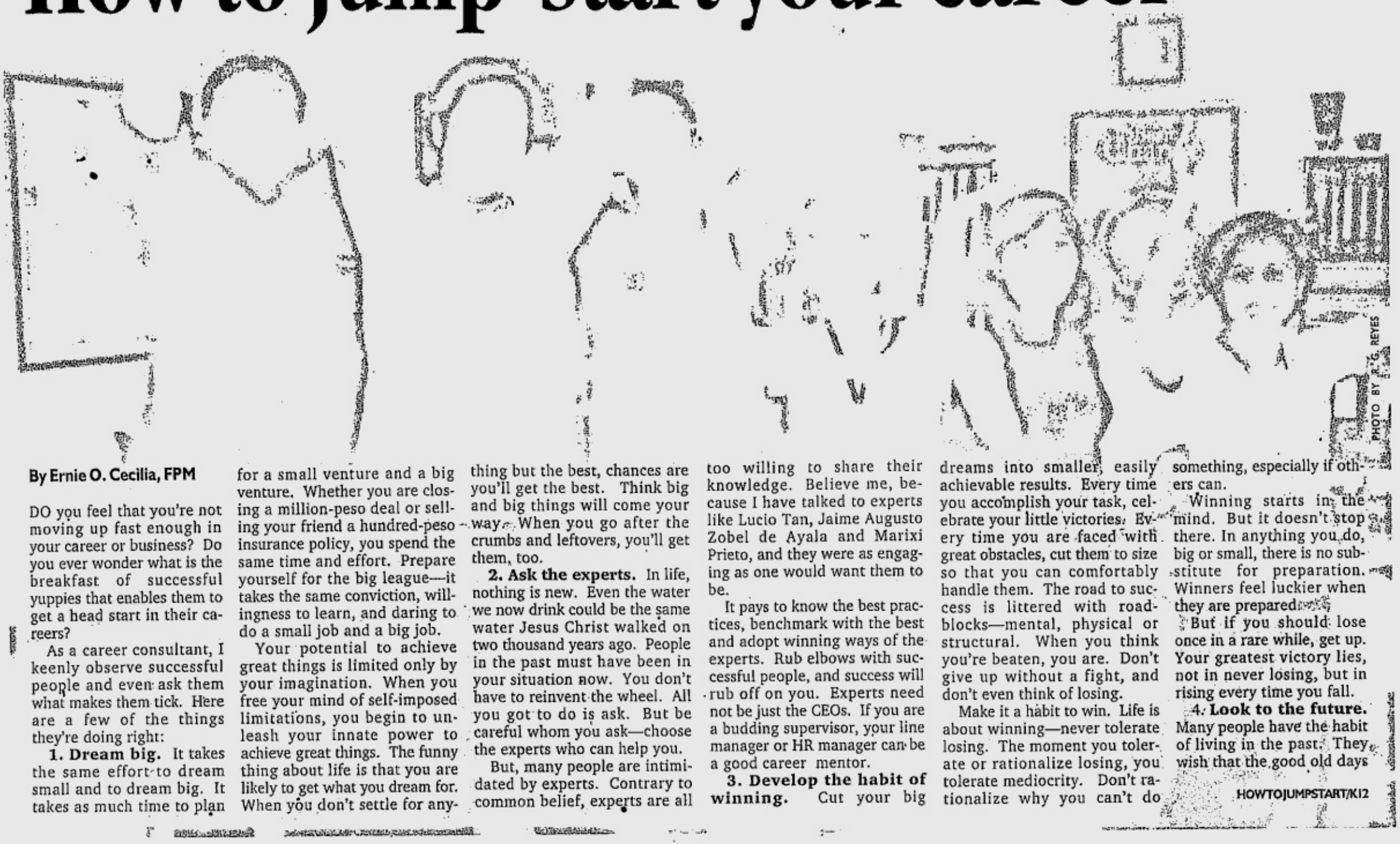

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By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM

DO you feel that you're not moving up fast enough in your career or business? Do you ever wonder what is the breakfast of successful yuppies that enables them to get a head start in their careers?

As a career consultant, I keenly observe successful people and even ask them what makes them tick. Here are a few of the things they're doing right:

1. Dream big. It takes the same effort to dream small and to dream big. It takes as much time to plan for a small venture and a big venture. Whether you are closing a million-peso deal or selling your friend a hundred-peso insurance policy, you spend the same time and effort. Prepare yourself for the big league—it takes the same conviction, willingness to learn, and daring to do a small job and a big job.

Your potential to achieve great things is limited only by your imagination. When you free your mind of self-imposed limitations, you begin to unleash your innate power to achieve great things. The funny thing about life is that you are likely to get what you dream for. When you don't settle for anything but the best, chances are you'll get the best. Think big and big things will come your way. When you go after the crumbs and leftovers, you'll get them, too.

2. Ask the experts. In life, nothing is new. Even the water we now drink could be the same water Jesus Christ walked on two thousand years ago. People in the past must have been in your situation now. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. All you got to do is ask. But be careful whom you ask—choose the experts who can help you.

But, many people are intimidated by experts. Contrary to common belief, experts are all too willing to share their knowledge. Believe me, because I have talked to experts like Lucio Tan, Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala and Marixi Prieto, and they were as engaging as one would want them to be.

It pays to know the best practices, benchmark with the best and adopt winning ways of the experts. Rub elbows with successful people, and success will rub off on you. Experts need not be just the CEOs. If you are a budding supervisor, your line manager or HR manager can be a good career mentor.

3. Develop the habit of winning. Cut your big dreams into smaller, easily achievable results. Every time you accomplish your task, celebrate your little victories. Every time you are faced with great obstacles, cut them to size so that you can comfortably handle them. The road to success is littered with roadblocks—mental, physical or structural. When you think you're beaten, you are. Don't give up without a fight, and don't even think of losing.

Make it a habit to win. Life is about winning—never tolerate losing. The moment you tolerate or rationalize losing, you tolerate mediocrity. Don't rationalize why you can't do something, especially if others can.

Winning starts in the mind. But it doesn't stop there. In anything you do, big or small, there is no substitute for preparation. Winners feel luckier when they are prepared.

But if you should lose once in a rare while, get up. Your greatest victory lies, not in never losing, but in rising every time you fall.

4. Look to the future. Many people have the habit of living in the past. They wish that the good old days

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'We need help to complete our studies'

By Tita Datu Puangco

I WROTE to you to respectfully seek your help in finding agencies or institutions who can provide sponsorship or scholarship grants to my twin daughters now in college. One is in her third year in Pharmacy while the other is in her fourth year in Chemical Engineering. They need for their combined tuition fees P60,000 a semester.

I was once working abroad but presently, because of ill health, I am not able to work again thereby putting our family's resources in great strain. My wife is working as a government employee but with her meager income, we can hardly send our children to school. And at this point in my twin children's studies, stopping schooling will be a further loss of time, money and effort.

I humbly hope and pray that you can help me with my problem. I know you are a very busy person and any effort you make will be highly cherished and appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

Hopeful Parent

I am a freshman taking up computer Science at the University of the Philippines. I have been searching for a part time job for about four months now. I have applied with almost all the food chains I know.

I have 4 brothers and two sisters. My parents own an agricultural store which is now hard up with much debt. Sadly, we have been taken advantaged of by my father's partners and employees.

I don't know where to go or what else to try. One Sunday, I read your column about many generous people wanting to help a student needing a job. I was delighted and hopeful that through your column, I can find a job. I am living with an aunt in Santa Cruz, Manila. If possible I would like to find work within the area. Many thanks.

Hopeful student

Thank you for your letters. Thank you for sharing with us the gift of your burdens. What can we do? It is to pray and entrust you to our readers who can generously volunteer help. We look forward to individual and institutional donors who have the possibility to contribute and share. I recall the recent Sunday gospel where Jesus talks about the beatitudes, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". He is asking us to detach and share our time, talent and treasure. These two letter senders provide us an excellent opportunity to be of help.

Final exams

Recently, I watched on television the beatification of Mother Theresa of Calcutta. People shared their testimonies of her character and her "loving the poorest of the poor." It was very inspirational, provoking in one's heart the desire for sanctity. How true that, unlike the board exams that people take to qualify for certain professions, our exams for the final judgment, have been given ahead of time. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat." I imagine it could also include, " I needed education and you gave me the necessary support."

Share blessings

I am also reminded of the words of Chiara Lubich, the founder of the Focolare Movement. If everyone follows the example of a plant that draws from the earth only what it needs, then there would be enough to feed everyone. She urges us to put at the service of the neighbor what we have in excess; empty our cabinets of clothes and things that are unused. Share with others what we have. In these cases, someone may be in a position to provide a scholarship or a part-time job.

Chiara also mentions that merit is given to both the giver and the receiver. The person in need shares freely his burden. The person who gives, in freedom acts not as owner but as a steward of God's Providence and gifts.

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Meantime, we encourage our hopeful parent and hopeful student to keep faith. The Filipino has always shown compassion and generosity to those in need. God bless you.

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Ready for anyone

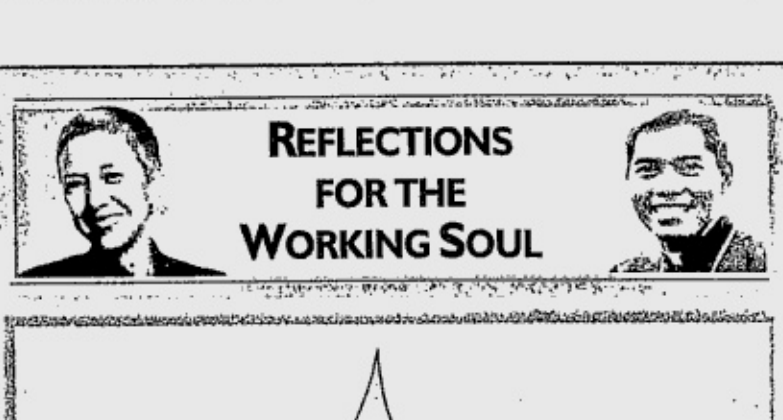
By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

YOUR company president is someone really big— someone you would not even dream of shaking hands with because he is so "high up there," admired and respected by everyone at work, a figure who is nationally or even internationally known. You are absolutely sure he doesn't even know you exist, and then one day, he suddenly calls for you. How would you feel?

You'd probably be flattered that he is paying you attention. Or more likely—especially if you know that you've been underperforming—you'd be anxious and ask yourself, "What did I do wrong?"

Before the appointed time comes, you ask around but no one knows why he wants to see you, so you continue making up frightening scenarios of your meeting in your head. Fearing that he'll ask you to explain why you have been such an inefficient worker, you start reviewing your past performance, recalling those times you were remiss in your duties, did a sloppy job when you could have done better, and cheated the company in so many instances known only to you. The wait becomes horrifying; you are almost sure you'll lose your job.

Then the day comes; it turns out the president only wants to meet each employee in person—that's all! You feel relieved, but having undergone such a terrible waiting period you emerge from the meeting knowing a truth: Righteousness at work is your only guarantee of peace of mind. When you work in consonance with the teachings of Jesus, you will always be ready to face anyone—including the Herods and the Pilates in the workplace. *(Email the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph*)*



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Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

...Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy.

Are we all equal?

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

HAVE you encountered some people who are very particular about how you address them? Many years back, I happen to call one "Father" and he immediately corrected me saying, "I'm a Monsignor". What I could say was, "Oh, I'm sorry...", and inside me, I wanted to add "Your Holiness". I wondered if he would be happy with it.

Zacchaeus, a known tax collector, a wealthy one at that, heard his name called out by Jesus who stopped and looked up to him, where he was, up a tree literally over and above the rest of the crowd. He must have felt that Jesus "saw" him for what he was and not for what he did or for what he had or even for what other people considered him to be. When he felt loved by Jesus who called his name and told him that He was going to stay with him, "he came down quickly"—he left his "higher" position over the others in the crowd and "received him (Jesus) with joy."

While in the workplace, in society at large and even in the Church, there is a hierarchy, in front of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, everyone is equal. The equality here means that everyone, who, like Zacchaeus, wants to "see Jesus" and does whatever sacrifice is necessary to be with Jesus, will experience the same fullness of joy being with God. As Blessed Mother Teresa has shown, it is not the kind of work you do, nor the long hours you put into your work, nor the appreciation others give you and your work, that is important; it is the amount of love—your desire and effort to love Jesus, which makes your work and your life really fulfilling! *(Email the author at* mfv@skyinet.net*)*

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

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Rep. Kim Bernardo-Lokin

The Mistress Hunter

In its latest controversial strategy to fight corruption, CIBAC Rep. Kim Bernardo-Lokin is now looking into private lives to check if public funds are being spent on paramours

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
Photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento

She identifies strongly with former US First Lady Hillary Clinton, whose autobiography, "Personal History," is on her reading list these days. But no, it is not Hillary's tussle with husband Bill Clinton's paramour that has set Rep. Kim Bernardo-Lokin on a direct collision course against mistresses.

"Hillary is my role model. She's very strong-minded and can handle controversy well," says Lokin, sectoral representative of the party list group Citizens' Battle Against Corruption (CIBAC), whose anti-mistress campaign has philandering government officials seeking cover.

First off, clarifies this former broadcast reporter and news anchor, the campaign is an extension of CIBAC's anti-corruption crusade and "not an attack on mistresses, although (keeping one) is considered unlawful under our laws." It is an anti-corruption check, she says, because keeping a mistress is in violation of RA 6713, the Code of Ethical Standards For Public Officials.

"We operate on the premise that government employees and officials do not earn that much so if they can afford to maintain a mistress, then they must have other sources of spending money," says Lokin. Such an expense makes public officials more vulnerable to corruption, she adds. "But if they have other legitimate sources of income, or were already rich before entering government, then we leave them alone."

Launched in late September this year, the Report-A-Mistress (RAM) campaign came on the heels of President Arroyo's lifestyle and nightlife check which, Lokin says, she doesn't agree with. "Nothing in the Constitution prohibits public officials from going to these places. Besides, not a lot of people can relate to the issue because they can't afford nightclubs anyway."

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Looking out for the family: Kim with children (clockwise from top): Czarina Louise, Luigi and Louise Michiko

On the other hand, adds Lokin, the mistress issue hits home, "especially in the provinces because everybody knows everyone else's business." The fact that people can report mistresses via text, email or hotlines has made mistress-sighting the latest participatory sport. "I think that any campaign to be truly successful must actively involve people."

Indeed, the campaign was patterned after the TV program *"Hoy, Gising!"* where Lokin used to be production assistant. "(News anchor) Korina (Sanchez) used to be my boss," she recalls. "I used to answer phones and deal with people complaining on just about everything from uncollected garbage to dogs barking. People called in and reported anomalies."

This time, they reported on their neighbors' bedtime habits. Barely a month after RAM was launched, CIBAC has received more than 1,000 calls offering information, compromising pictures and incriminating documents. "Most of the callers were wives, but there were also a lot of mistresses who felt guilty about what they were doing," says Lokin. Most of the officials involved, she adds, are police and military men.

While there has been "overwhelming support" for the campaign, there have been a lot of criticism as well. It's already an accepted part of Pinoy macho culture, detractors are wont to say. "Well, acceptance doesn't make it right," retorts Lokin. "We're not being hypocrites here or trying to be holier than thou. It's not for CIBAC to say who's moral or not, but if these officials are using public funds, then corruption is involved and that's our advocacy."

Although the Catholic Church has been "interestingly quiet" on the issue, other public officials have not. Civil Service Commissioner Karina Constantino David, for one, has been quoted as saying that the issue "is a private matter and not a concern of the CSC." To which Lokin responds: "But public office is a public trust, although we're very cautious on matters involving an individual's right to privileged communication. This should be distinguished from the so-called right to privacy."

To David's claim that the lifestyle and mistress checks are "demoralizing the bureaucracy," the CIBAC representative asks, "Are they saying that we won't get demoralized by what we're seeing when these officials flaunt their mistresses?"

Similarly, Camarines Sur Rep Rolanda Andaya, Jr., has remonstrated: "What the government needs is a performance check, not organized spying after office hours." Says Lokin: "What we need are honest and sincere leaders. If they can't even be true to their wives, how can you expect them not to lie to you?"

So far CIBAC has submitted some 300 names to the Justice Department, "with 20 of them very serious cases," says Lokin. While the party list group's lawyers sift the complaints for libel, inadmissible evidence and other legal tangles, it will be the DOJ that assigns agents to do surveillance work and verify the information. "If the DOJ says we have enough basis to file a case, then we bring it to the proper agency like the Ombudsman."

To guard against abuses and malicious information, CIBAC maintains a strict rule of confidentiality, "with less than a dozen of our members having access to the e-mail and texted messages," says Lokin. All the hotline numbers are centralized in the Batasan to guarantee the security of the calls. The group also submits different documents to the DOJ and the Ombudsman so that leakages can immediately be traced to their source.

"We keep our faith with our partners in this campaign, but we'll also be watching them closely," Lokin adds.

At the same time, she admits, the campaign has exposed her and her family to closer scrutiny. "Columnist Mon Tulfo wrote, what if it's your spouse who's involved? Well, *malas niya, yari siya sa akin*! (Tough luck, he's going to get it)," says the 33-year-old representative who's married to lawyer Luis Lokin, Jr. with whom she has three children ages 2 to 6.

Less subtle are some politicians, one of whom commented, *"Siguro naman, okey ang security mo, no? Alam mo kasi, sinisira mo ang pamilya eh.* (I hope you have good security. Because you know, you're breaking up the family.)" With all due respect, Lokin recalls telling him, "I believe I am in fact helping the family." At any rate, she concedes, she now has a security aide.

Another vulnerable spot that detractors have latched on is Lokin's net worth which, as reported by the Makati Business Club, is more than P42 million. That an AB Literature graduate from UST who comes from a middle class family of educators (her parents held jobs at the Education Department, Lokin says) could make such a pile in her early 30s is suspicious, critics point out. Then there are the allegations that her husband was appointed by the Estrada government to a juicy directorship at Philcomsat where he reportedly made some lucrative deals. Other claims center on her husband's involvement with the Ilusorio family feud, where he allegedly switched sides to the highest bidder.

Says Lokin, "Before we embarked on this campaign, we knew that we'd have to first look at ourselves and families, because it might boomerang on us. We also accepted the fact that because we would incur the ire of some very prominent people, we must be prepared for any black propaganda they might use to destroy us."

But to set the record straight, she says, "My husband was never appointed to any government position either under the Estrada or Arroyo administration. He was never a director of Philcomsat. He is a private counsel who has specialized in commercial law and other lucrative fields of law. He and his family have their own businesses. He has not lawyered for the Ilusorio family since 1996 and is not involved in their family dispute."

Their income, she adds, "has been sourced mainly from sound investments through the years, like stocks and real estate." Their business interests, Lokin says, include a security agency, concert promotions, garments, a law firm, and Dish restaurant at Rockwell, which she owns with several partners. Then there was that anchoring job at Skynews (now renamed ANC), where she covered the stockmarket. "'Stockmarket Live' was a stint I enjoyed so much because this was during the glory days of the stockmarket when every IPO was a hit, and where I learned the tricks of the trade and started earning some serious money."

It was then that she met Lokin. "The first thing I noticed about him was his constant advice and tips on where to invest my money," she recalls. "I was only 24 then and spent all my salary on needless things. Meantime, here was a guy who was the poster boy of most Chinese males—very *kuripot!* It was from him that I learned some Confucian values like frugality, hard work, being a team player and the value of investing."

She had always wanted to write, recalls Ma. Blanca Bernardo-Lokin, whose mother used to write and edit children's books on the side. "I used to do some writing jobs for her as a student so I could earn extra allowance," adds this eldest of three girls.

Starting out as a supplement writer for a defunct daily, Lokin says she became a newscaster "by accident."

A neighbor led her to ABS-CBN news, where she became production assistant for *"Hoy Gising."* "It wasn't a glamorous job and I felt like the 'secretary *ng bayan*,' but I was determined to show them that I had what it takes to become a TV news reporter," recalls Lokin. She cites her boss, then VP for News Boo Chanco, for giving her a break at the cable channel Skynews where she started out doing newsbreaks. "And so, with only two blazers and eventually lots of hand-me-downs from Tintin Bersola (another new face then), I was ushered into the glitzy world of newscasting," she says. Her last show was "Moneywise" with ANC, before her sensitive third pregnancy led her to become CIBAC representative.

"I intended to go back first quarter of 2001 after I had given birth but at around this time, CIBAC had registered as a party list organization and I learned that now Rep. Joel Villanueva and myself had been drafted as nominees," says Lokin. She had previously helped the group with their press releases and enlisted her husband's help pro bono for some of their cases, but they needed her to be frontliner. "They needed somebody presentable, articulate and who's used to facing people and intrigues. And a woman," she says. "I guess I didn't know what I was getting into!"

With some latent politician genes (her grandfathers on both sides used to be town mayors), she waded into the fray and got involved in high-profile issues by supporting bills that sought the real identity of Jose Pidal, the abolition of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, an increase in excise taxes on beer and liquor, and a refund for customers from the water firm Maynilad. Lokin also registered her support for the anti-domestic violence bill in the wake of Kris Aquino's revelations and the controversial Reproductive Health bill. All of which have led some quarters to consider her a publicity hound.

Lokin takes exception to such label. "If I were one, then I'd only go after issues that would make us look good. With the reproductive health bill, we're courting the ire of the Church."

But certainly, her recent signature in the "Impeach (Chief Justice Hilario) Davide" House resolution has muddled her image further. Just where do her politics lie?

Lokin shrugs off the doubts and denies speculations that she and the other impeachment proponents had been bribed. "My signature is consistent with CIBAC's stand against corruption. The Chief Justice has refused to allow the House to look into the Judiciary Development Fund so we had to do this. Actually, the impeachment move is not entirely bad for him because it allows him an avenue to air his side. He could even be a hero here!"

She denies having been used by politicians identified with industrialist Danding Cojuangco, here perceived as getting back at Davide for the recent Supreme Court ruling that took away his control over the sizeable coconut levy funds. "CIBAC is an independent organization and we have nothing to do with the Nationalist People's Coalition. Davide's one fault is that he loves his son (Joseph Bryan who co-chairs the bids and awards committee) too much."

But Lokin concedes, albeit grudgingly, the power that CIBAC holds over some politicians' career with its report-a-mistress campaign. "But this is our advocacy. It's hard to fight corruption and still be friends with everybody," she muses. "I dread the day when I see friends in our 'mistress' list. But we have to do it. We have a mandate from the people and we'll have to go back to them for validation."

Some quarters might say that with a reelection bid in the air, the mistress campaign just got messier. But then, politics, power and passion have always made for strange bedfellows.

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WINNING DESIGN "The Falls" by Josephine Turalba of Mercelles was adjudged winner in the necklace category in the Tahitian Pearl Trophy 2003 Asia held recently in Hong Kong. Turalba used *keshi* tahitian pearls, diamonds, tsavorite and blue sapphires in 18 carat white gold to depict water falling through rocks. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

AMAZING ARNO

Congratulations for your comprehensive article on Arno Sanidad, the apolitical (sic) human rights lawyer ("The Angst of Arno Sanidad," **SIM**, 2 November 2003). However, I don't think he can prove that there's justice in this world. If he persists, he would soon find himself mired in politics—which he shuns. So he might as well go into politics, as some Mabini lawyers did, like Joker Arroyo and Rene Saguisag.

Once a student leader-activist and a son of a former congressman, this leading human rights lawyer would be a much better and very different politician than the ones he "speaks of with contempt." Or is he already into it without his knowing?

Perhaps, a more practical question would be: What is your politics (shades of Hemingway's dialogues in some of his stories)? We can hardly get away with it because life in this part of the world is politics. Even anarchists, or commies, are organized and have their own politics. See? Correct me if I am wrong.

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PRAYER POWER

Extend my warm gratitude to Dulce Festin Baybay for featuring Dr. Miguel Restituto Soldevilla Cornejo Jr. ("Anti Ageing Warrior," **SIM**, 31 August 2003). I believe his secret is prayer. Indeed, the words of the new saint, Josemaria Escriva apply to him. He says, "Though you might achieve the most spectacular successes in society, in public affairs, in your own careers, if you neglect your spiritual life and ignore our Lord, you will end up as a complete failure. As far as God is concerned, victory only comes by way of those people who behave as a genuine Christian." More power to the Sunday INQUIRER Magazine.

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Poetry

1964

This had been the stillest year:
no typhoons, no aborted
elopements, no school scandals.
Only a clear montage
of invariable images:
Grandma would be
at the yard tending her
bougainvilleas and palmera;
Grandpa must be at the *silong*
sewing up days-laden shoes.
Mother should be at
our neighbor's Radiola
eyes moist for the day's
episode of soap opera; and
Father, the town taxman,
hasn't yet gambled and lost
a week's collection.
This was the invariable
picture: no high disturbances;
no solemn silences—
only a year of straight,
parallel days:
typhoon Yoling would
re-arrange our lives
only the following year.
The news about Kennedy's
death had shocked
us the preceding year.
And Marcos, though already
in the Senate, would only
announce his intention
to make this nation great
again a few years later.
This was not even the
year when the old moviehouse
in the provincial capitol
was refurbished
in preparation for the gala
presentation (provincial style)
of Elvis Presley's movie 'Blue Hawaii.'

Julius Sering Clar

Break

Time was
I strove for truth,
the passion grew,
but words could not appease.
Truth had no bounds

and let no words break

-Gémino H. Abad

We have loved writing
all our lives, from the moment
we realized we couldn't just
go out and play—for the asthma
that kept you to your bed,
for my finger flicks and slow skipping
legs. We took to our pages
and scratched the things
we weren't strong enough to do:
taking to the mountains
smelling the harvest chaff
in the fight for freedom
or the games where
I struggled not to be
dominated: slipper
slapping my sole
in the rush to the ever-
elusive white-line base.

We still share that love—
but now I will only watch you
teaching beyond the door,
stroking the board with lines
of poetry for the students
for whom you are trying to be
mother. After these many years,
this will be my best memory:
you taking a piece of chalk
in your hand, silently holding it
between thumb and pointer,
as my eyes try to catch
what can still be held, my right
hand fumbling for the pen
in my pocket for the poem
that you wouldn't want to read:

"the chalk line starts to
crumble from the blackboard's
grip, and every speck that
drops stains us with the plainness
we couldn't take."

Footfalls fault the stillness
as I, silent, silent, break.

Niccolo Rocamora Vitug

Tula at Mata

Huwag gawing bihag ng telebisyon ang mata.
Hindi makina ang mata.
Hindi ilawan o poste sa kalsada.
Hindi tawag sa telepono kung may makaalala.
Kailangan din ito ng hininga at pahinga
Upang makakalap ng pumpong salita
Igugupo, sasalain, papatakan ng minatamis na talinghaga
Habang pinapainit ang ulo sa kama
Hanggang maluto sa pananaginip ang tula.

Arvin Tiong Ello

Isda

pinamumog ng dinamita ang mga isda
saka itininda sa gilid ng kalsada
pinausukan ng tambutso
at kinulayan ng pulang dyubos
ang hasang ng galunggong at bangus
upang agad na maubos
binabad sa isang dakot na asin
ang di mo makilalang ayungin
pinamanhid ng yelo ang kaliskis
ng mga nagkapira-pirasong dilis
maghapong naghintay na may bumili
sa mga isdang aming nahuli
ngunit wala ni isa man ang nagkamali
sa mga paninda ni Inay
na umuwing galit sa buhay at bahay.
lulutuin niya ang ulam naming bangkulis
na natuklap ang kulay pilak na kutis
na kanina'y dinumog ng mga bangaw
at ngayo'y nasa bandihadong puno ng sabaw.

Kristian S. Cordero

Advocacy in the foodservice trade

UBF FOODSOLUTIONS started the Culinary Grand Prix (CGP) Program as a collegiate culinary competition designed to supplement the efforts of the academe in preparing culinary students to better adjust to the demands and real practices of the trade. In the last five years, CGP had evolved into an advocacy program actively supported by more than a hundred schools nationwide, endorsed by both the Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Tourism, and commended by the country's top chefs, culinary experts and foodservice practitioners as a worthy undertaking. CGP, as one known culinary personality stated, has become the benchmark in which all other culinary programs are measured.

What makes the CGP Program unique is its unwavering vision to refocus the attention of culinary students away from the glamour of being a chef to the least emphasized aspects of the culinary practice - menu costing, quantity cookery, and entrepreneurship in the foodservice industry. In a series of events leading to the National Grand Finals, the CGP Program becomes a conduit between the academe and those in the trade into one common ground - all for the benefit of the students who will soon join the foodservice trade.

CGP challenges culinary students to look at the profession both as a craft and a trade. It refocuses the attention of culinary students to other viable alternatives of practicing their chosen profession if the foodservice industry is in a state of "freeze-hiring." Competition judges take time to de-brief, teach and share their experiences to all participating students that they may learn from the experience beyond loosing or winning the competition. Thus, the advocacy program of UBF Foodsolutions was born.

CGP is made up of three competitions - The Caterplan Dream Team Challenge where a team of three composed of a student-chef, a student-waiter and a student-bartender is challenged to create a full dining experience; the Knorr New Area Cuisine Competition where a student-chef executes an original New Asia main course for five under budget; and the Lipton Mocktails Mixing Competition where a student-bartender executes an all-original tea-based concoction under budget, complete with flaring.

Hundreds of entries received nationwide are processed and forwarded by the CGP Manila Committee to the UBF Foodsolutions Office in Thailand where Regional Chef Kurt Pozzato is currently based. Purged from any identifying marks other than an entry number, the Thailand CGP Screening Committee chooses the top four regional entries in each of the three events for actual competition. Regional winners are taken to Manila, all expenses paid, for the National Grand Finals where foreign and local culinary experts and personalities select the grand prize winners.

One hundred thousand worth of cash prizes, gift packs, trophies and medals on top of an all expense paid Culinary Asian Trip awaits the CGP Program National Champions. This year, special awards by select foodservice trade companies will be given away over and above the CGP major prizes. For the UBF Foodsolutions Dream Team Challenge, the special awards include the KLG "Creative Asian Fusion Award" for the student with the highest score in menu creativity, the Caltex LPG "Sulit sa Gamit Award" for the Dream Team whose menu offers the best value for money and the Caltex LPG "Sulit sa Bilis Serbisyo" for the student-bartender with the highest points in mocktails flaring. There is also the NMI "Creative Culinary Presentation" for the team with the highest points in plating and table setting and the first ever F&B World Magazine's "Foodservice Excellence Award" for the Dream Team with the highest points in the very challenging service interaction portion of the main competition.

For those interested to watch future foodservice professionals in action, the CGP2004 Competition schedule is as follows: December 1, 2003 at the St. Michael's College of Laguna for the Luzon Regional Finals; January 12, 2004 at the La Consolacion College - Bacolod for the Visayas Regional Finals; January 26, 2004 at the Philippine Women's College of Davao for the Mindanao Regional Finals; February 16, 2004 at the Olivarez College of Paranaque for the NCR Regional Finals and the National Grand Finals slated at the Philippine Trade and Training Center on March 8, 2004.

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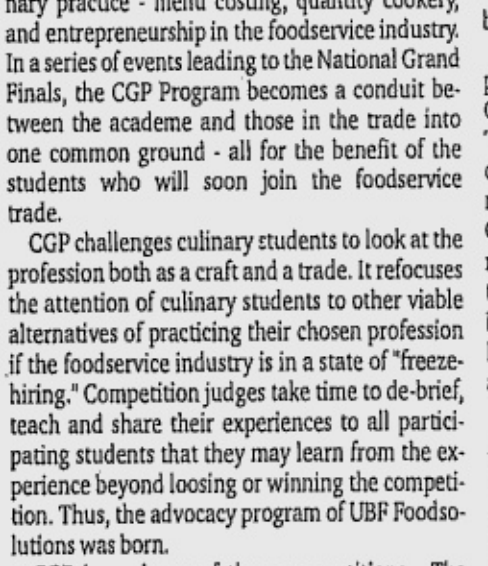

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Special Grand Finals Award: The Vollrath Creative Asian Fusion Award by KLG for the team with the highest points in menu creativity.

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Special Grand Finals Award: The Caltex LPG "Sulit sa Bilis Serbisyo" Award for the student bartender with the highest points in flaring with no overtime.

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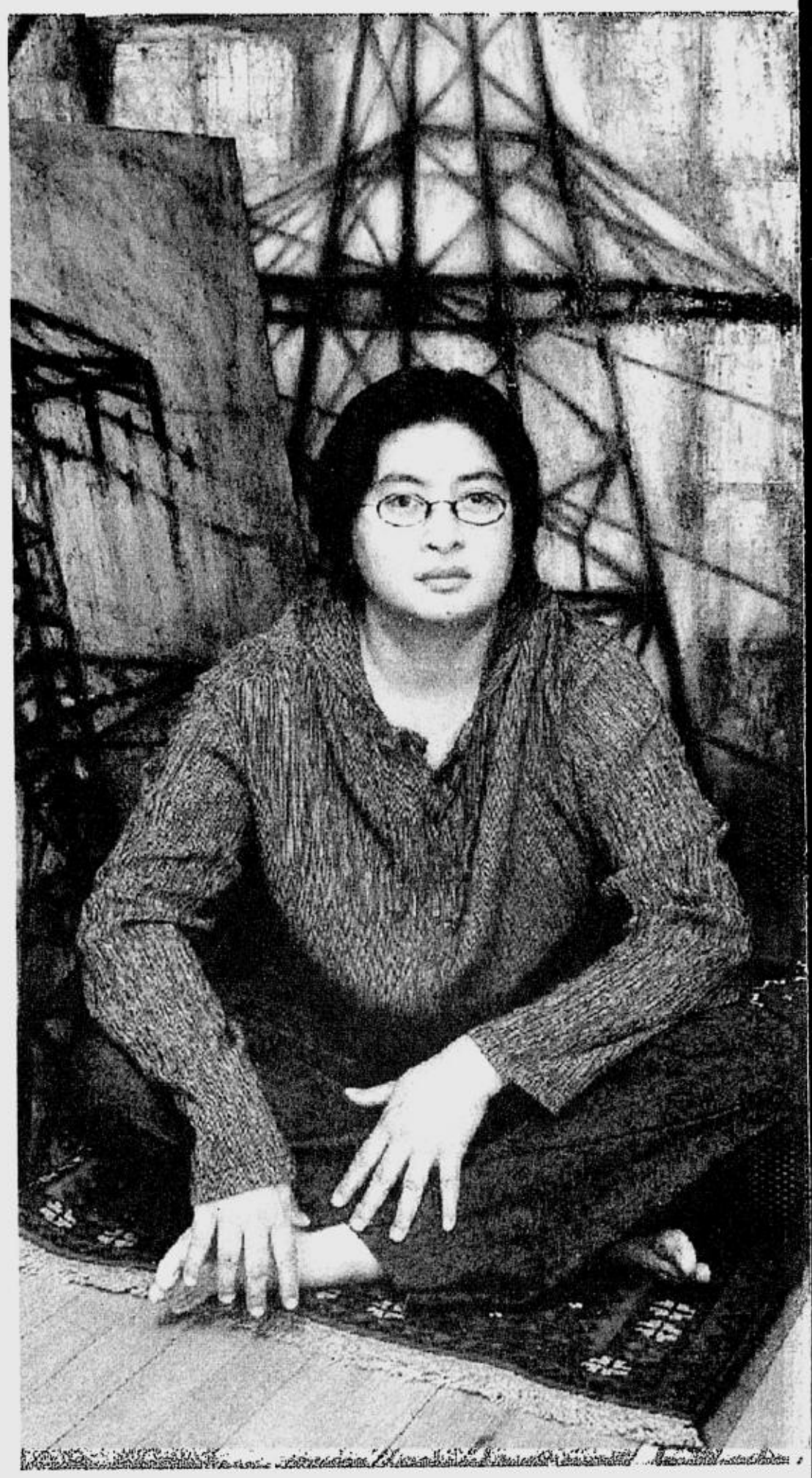
Artwatch

By Lani T. Montreal

Walking the Powerlines

Home for an exhibit, New York-based artist Christina Quisumbing Ramilo strives to balance her roles as an artist, a Filipino and a woman in the city that never sleeps



SHE WON'T strike you as a stereotypical New York artist. In fact, visual artist Christina Quisumbing Ramilo won't strike you as a trend-setting New Yorker at all. She likes her regular T-shirts and *maong*, and the most adventurous hairstyle she's probably had was a close shave a few summers ago that set off her dark expressive eyes.

Ramilo is back in the place she still calls home for an exhibit of her paintings at the West Gallery, Ayala Center, ongoing until November 18. Titled "Powerlines," the solo exhibit features the artist's mixed media works based on photographs and memories of growing up in the Philippines.

"As a little girl I remember seeing powerlines when travelling with my family and associating them with robots and giants," she says. "Later on, as a teenager, the same structures triggered images of soldiers, women in *sayas*, mannequins and religious icons." The surfaces of the paintings are textured with personal letters and pages of old books from the 1960s, the period of her childhood, but they are not meant to be read, only recognized "like a layer of visual sound."

"I'm just fascinated with the concept of seeing an image and remembering something else," she says. "How meanings change depending on who's looking at what. After September 11, seeing an airplane doesn't have the same associations that it used to. At least not for New Yorkers."

In her artist's statement, she notes how powerlines "are strategically placed in vast open spaces, rice fields, mountainsides and suburban and urban landscapes: contradictory elements playing an environmental tug of war." Perhaps the same can be said of the life of an immigrant artist struggling to maintain integrity in a place of constantly evolving trends and technologies.

In March this year, Ramilo curated "Point of Origin" at the New York Law School, described as the convergence of six New York-based artists of Filipino ancestry who migrated to the US at different points in their lives. Among the featured artists were Mario Fernandez, Rina Malonzo, Perry Mamaril, Mary Ann Ubaldo and Arturo Veloira.

Another one, "*Libog*," opened in July at the LGBT Center in Manhattan—a celebration of the gay immigrant's struggles, triumphs and passions featuring ten Filipino/Filipino-American artists working in different disciplines.

Says Ramilo, "Being who I am is always relevant to my art. There are different parts to my identity so sometimes I focus on one particular aspect and at other times I focus on what gets my attention, enough for me to invest my time and energy on it. It could be about being Pinay outside of the Philippines, a scene from a nightmare, or about one particular object like steel wool, powerlines, or planes."

It is clear that for Ramilo, home is still where her art is. In the almost 20 years she has lived in the Big Apple, Christina, or Ling-Ling to friends and family, has remained as Pinoy as a *tabo* in the bathroom. For one, she won't speak in English unless she has to, her colloquial Tagalog refreshingly free of any inflection. And while she may sometimes feel like a tourist in her motherland—not knowing her way around the city anymore or who the latest showbiz celebrity-turned-politician is—she hesitates to call herself a New Yorker.

"It's all relative. It depends where I am. When I'm in New York, I always say the Philippines is my home. When I'm in the Philippines, I feel at home although it's a little strange because I remember the Philippines when I used to live there."

This is the Philippines one sees in Ramilo's works, from her vivid full-sized triptych of menacing powerlines to her series on the utilitarian *tsinelas* or *kamiseta*. Her earlier works depicting family and self in stunning dreamscapes include iconic images and sacred items—rosaries and scapulars—that evoke memories of growing up in a strictly Catholic household. Her sobering visual essay "Export Quality," included in the celebrated anthology "Vestiges of War," published by New York University (NYU) Press, shows tragic faces of *kababayans* forced to work as domestics abroad like livestock marked for slaughter.

Ramilo left the Philippines in 1985, after graduating from UP Fine Arts, to migrate to the US and take her MA in Studio Art and Art Education at prestigious NYU. Back then, she was excited at the prospect of living in the fabled insomniac city. It didn't take long for her to see New York in its truest colors—skyscrapers and prime stocks cozily commingling with sordid housing projects and crime.

She remembers going on an art tour of Queens (a borough of New York) as part of her studies and noticing the neighborhood's dismal state. "We went to the Isamu Noguchi Museum, PS 1, Socrates Sculpture Park and in between had a stopover at this diner near a playground. I commented to a friend, 'How could anyone live around here, it's so grey and depressing!' A year later, I was living in that same neighborhood, passing by the same diner on my way to the subway stop.

"Lesson learned? Living here, you're put in situations you don't necessarily want to be in. That's when you learn to cope, to be more fluid and deal with it. Life always manages to throw you a loop and it's up to you to make the most of it, to look at things in a new light, even though it's grey and depressing. It challenges you to notice things and see beauty in them."

Ramilo mentions an interesting palette of Filipino and non-Filipino names when asked about the artists who inspire her—Vija Celmins, sculptor Julie Lluch, painters Danilo Dalena, Frida Kahlo, Francis Bacon, Mark Rothko, Pieter Bruegel the Elder. "I like different artists, movements, periods at different points in my life. You always learn from other people's works. It depends on what you want to see, what you're receptive to, and where you are as a person and an artist."

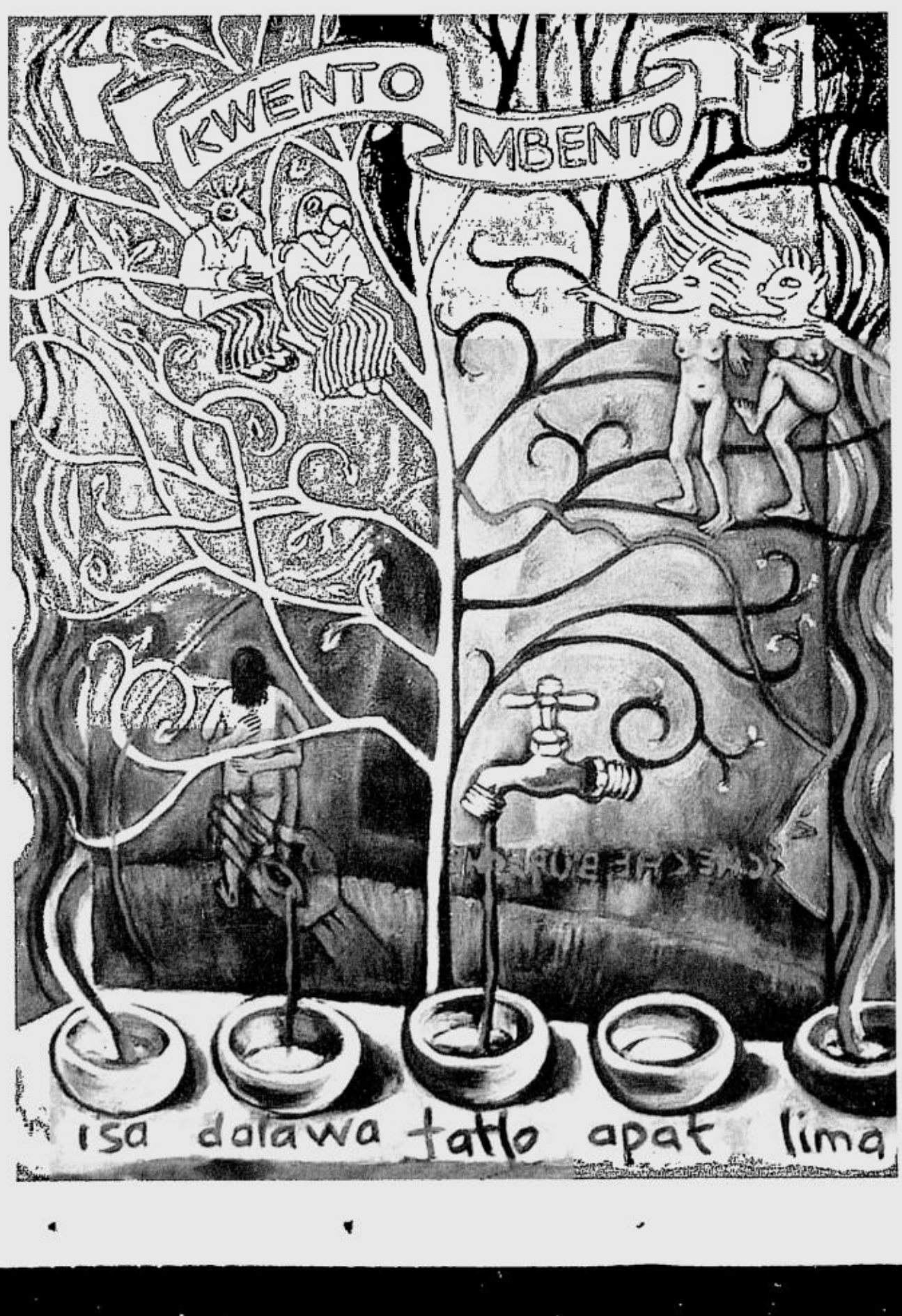
She adds that she is most of all moved by "strong, independent, and creative women." She makes special mention of writer/artist Nice Rodriguez, now based in Toronto, and pioneering Paris-based printmaker Ofelia Gelvezon-Tequi.

The last group exhibit in Manila that Ramilo participated in was titled "*Sining at Kataga*" at the UP Vargas Museum in 2000. This time around, her works are going to be on display twice in the same month: at the West Gallery for her solo exhibition, and then at the Hiraya Gallery in Malate in mid-November along with the works of her close friend, artist Popo San Pascual.

Ramilo loves coming home, but she likes the anonymity that New York City offers, "the diversity and the no-nonsense attitude of people. You never run out of things to do or places to see. It takes you outside of your own private world. It's a city of possibilities."

Sadly, even in New York, the artists whose works make the most money are six-feet-under, so unless you're a recognized reincarnation of Picasso, you can't survive without a second job. Ramilo has had an assortment since she graduated, from painting murals and faux finishes for people's homes to being a peer educator for a non-profit organization, to working as an art handler at a gallery. "Finding time to do your art needs discipline and a commitment to yourself. You learn to prioritize and decide what's important to you, what's fulfilling. Sometimes, it takes a bit of juggling but in the end, you go where your passion takes you."

There is a calmness in Ramilo that defies the frenetic environment in which she has thrived. When asked how it's possible in New York to be a Filipina and an artist at the same time, and still manage to keep one's sanity intact, Ramilo simply replies: "You just be."

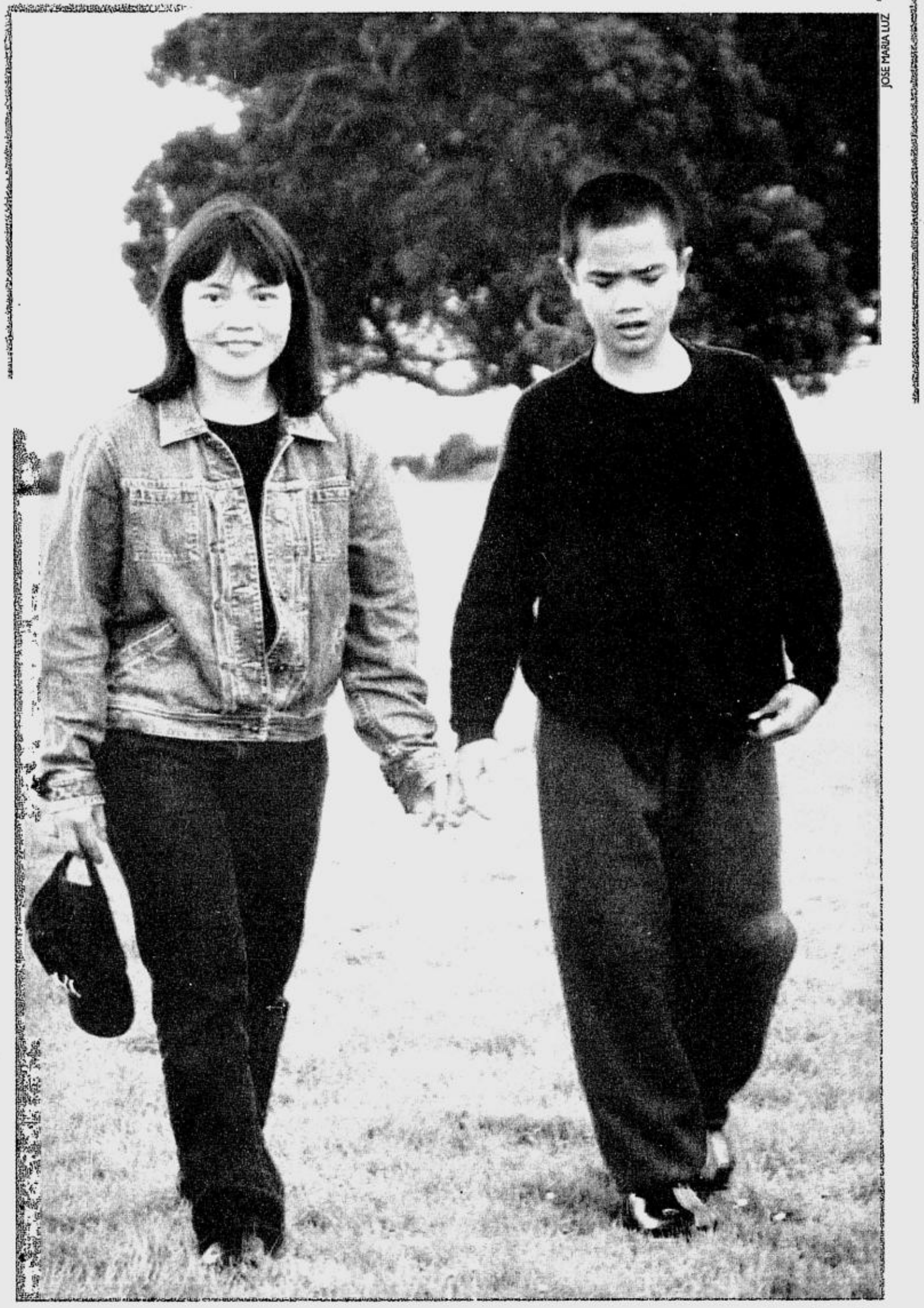


"Chismis," oil on canvas

First Person

By Divina C. Paredes

Taking the (Scenic) Road Less Travelled



JOSE MARIA LUZ

The author and her son Dino Japa at the Michael John Savage Memorial Park, named for the first Labor Prime Minister of New Zealand

FOR majority of Filipinos, migrating means taking the tried and tested route to North America. But my son and I took the road less travelled. We opted to move down under, to a country with a most poetic description—*Aotearoa*—the Maori translation of "The Land of the Long White Cloud," New Zealand.

Our move was a leap of faith. I had scant knowledge of the country. I do recall how, as a Malacañang reporter during the heady days following the EDSA Revolt, I had covered the visit of then-New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange. I had lauded the country's staunch refusal to let US nuclear ships dock on its shores, this at the height of the Cold War.

We had no relatives there, and our only contacts were next-door neighbors who had moved to Auckland five years earlier. Friends were naturally astounded when they learned of our impending move. Their questions were fairly predictable: "Why choose a country with more sheep than people?" This would then be followed by the inevitable: "What do you plan to do there?"

Journalist friends reminded me I would miss the ringside view of unfolding major political events, referring to the escalating moves to unseat then President Joseph Estrada.

I myself had no idea what we would encounter in our new home. I just knew that New Zealand is renowned for its clean and green environment (the hugely popular "Lord of the Rings" movie was shot there). It's definitely a break from traffic-ridden and congested Metro Manila.

My research revealed that it has a good public educational system, which was important for my son. Dino, now 14, was diagnosed with autism at the age of three, and communicates mainly through pictures. He has gone to special schools all his life. He loves open and green spaces, fast becoming rarities in Metro Manila. I also noted that the country is headed by a woman prime minister, Helen Clark, and is always up there in the UNDP's ranking of countries with the highest human development index.

In October 2000, my son and I arrived at the Auckland airport, and were met by our former neighbors Ruben and Lynie Villanueva. They helped us find an apartment in the North Shore. I enrolled my son in a special school, and got a job as staff writer of an IT management magazine.

Three months after our arrival, my elder brother Noel, his Indonesian wife Atiek, and their children Eric and Cecilia joined us from Jakarta. We had just contributed to the slow swelling of the 15,000-member Filipino community in New Zealand.

One of my greatest adjustments is the "keep left" rule in both pedestrian and road traffic. I had to get used to driving on the left side of the road, and ensure I do not exceed the speed limit (the hefty fine is a strong deterrent).

At work, I had to learn to use British spelling (labour instead of labor; organisation for organization; bureaux, for bureau), quite a change from the American spelling used in the Philippines. There was quite a learning curve too, in getting used to the Kiwi accent and idioms.

For instance, a "bring your own plate party" means potluck. If you go to a pub and say "It's my shout," that means you're paying the bill. "Give me a ring" means "call me on the phone."

All these, however, were inconsequential. What was important was how my son took to his new environs well. He drinks fresh milk like water. Summer means going barefoot from school as he and his schoolmates run around unshod in the playground. Dino also has a choice of different parks and playgrounds around our house. The nearest beach is some five kilometers away, less than a 10-minute drive. Sundays he joins other special children in a swimming club where professional swimmers and volunteer parents teach them.

Three years ago, the author and her son, a special needs child, took a leap of faith to find a new home in big, beautiful New Zealand—and the new life has made all the difference

The malls, while not as sprawling as those in the United States and even in the Philippines, are not crowded at all. But then, my son prefers beachcombing anytime over traipsing to the shopping centers. If at all, our quaint shopping habit reveals our simple lifestyle here. Every Saturday, we would go shopping—in other people's garages. The weekly community paper even has a special section announcing the schedule of garage sales. The best bargains, I discovered, can be found in sales organized by schools and churches. Being the bargain connoisseurs that we are, it is not unusual to bump into *kababayans* during these sales.

Another passion one can indulge in here is walking. Once, my son and I joined a walkathon to raise funds for sports equipment for his school. The route was five kilometers long, and it was only when we arrived at the meeting place did I realize there were over a hundred participants. Some of them were in wheelchairs—children and young adults with special needs like Dino. The biggest surprise was how my son completed the course—I could not even get him to walk with me to the corner dairy (the equivalent of our *sari-sari* store). But there he was, happily joining the spirited, unselfish group walking for a cause. Along the way, cheerful volunteers handed us plastic cups filled with water. It did not hurt that the route passed by the scenic beaches of the North Shore.

While New Zealand boasts of the best produce (the home-grown Pacific Rosé apple is deemed the sweetest in the world) that are reasonably priced, there comes a time when one hankers for Filipino food. At first, I thought this was a challenge until I discovered the Sunday flea markets where one can buy ingredients for Filipino staples. But the vegetables would often come with different names. *Ampalaya* is bitter melon, *kamote* is kumara, *sayote* is choco, eggplant is aubergine, papaya is pawpaw, bell pepper is capsicum and *pechay* is bok choy.

My son and I also got to try out different vegetables and fruits like fejoa (which tastes like a cross between guava and guayabano but with edible seeds), tamarillo and of course, the quintessential kiwi.

But like other Filipinos, I found to my delight that *bagoong* and other native delicacies, including *balut*, are readily available in Asian markets. Even local staples like Ligo sardines, Papa catsup and Datu Puti vinegar are available here, though they may command premium prices.

There are, of course, hard-to-find ingredients for Filipino cooking, like blood for *dinuguan*, lungs for *bopis* and bile or *apdo* for *papaitan*. So far, I have only succeeded in sourcing the first two from enterprising Filipinos who buy these from farms and sell them frozen. Likewise, eating fresh *bangus* and *dalag* is just a hazy memory. Mangoes are very expensive (from $1.95 each!) and are not the succulent Philippine varieties. Trust Filipinos, however, to find the perfect substitute when they hanker for mangoes with *bagoong—manibalang* (almost-ripe) peaches.

Six months into my job I was assigned to cover the opening of a software development center with Prime Minister Clark as guest of honor. I was interviewing an IT specialist when the loudspeaker announced that the program was about to begin. I was surprised; there was no advance party, no coterie of bodyguards to herald the PM's arrival. This was in sharp contrast to the arrival here a few years ago of a globe-trotting Philippine president, who astounded the Kiwi audience with his phalanx of security people.

Last year, I voted—for the first time—as a New Zealand permanent resident. It was quite a culture shock because there were no queues at the poll center, which was the primary school near my home. I showed them the card sent to me by the elections body and asked whether they needed a separate ID like my driver's license. The lady at the polling center said she trusted me when I say who I am.

The voting took less than two minutes. The next day, we knew the results. No way would the suppliers of indelible ink earn a living here.

It has been three years since my son and I opted to leave all things familiar and beloved to us to establish roots in another clime, another time zone and in a country where, refreshingly, Hollywood is not the dominant trend arbiter. Since then, we have surpassed initial bouts of homesickness, established a new set of friends and survived three winters. (They are not so bad after all. "Glorious" is an apt description of a sunny winter morning in Auckland). We are also looking forward to our fourth Christmas as "Piwis" (Pinoy Kiwis).

To paraphrase one of my favorite poems, once upon a crucial point in our lives, my son and I took the road less travelled, and that has made all the difference.

Theater Tales

Text and photographs by Maria Congee S. Gomez

The Actor of Sta. Ana

Lou Veloso, actor, comedian, Manila councilor and founder of Tanghalang Sta. Ana, has found a calling in marrying his twin passions of politics and community theater

HE'S made a name for himself on stage and television, but two names are often associated with Lou Veloso these days. One is that of Judiel Nieva, who briefly made headlines some years back for reportedly having visions of the Blessed Mother, and the other is that of politician Mark Jimenez. Veloso was instrumental in landing Nieva a role as an angel in a passion play. His ties with Jimenez were purely political, says this councilor of Manila's sixth district. True, he received campaign money from the former representative of Paco, "but Jimenez wants to do service," he claims. "He was sincere in his purpose, although others misconstrue his objectives."

At the time of this interview, in the confines of his modest house in Sta. Ana, Veloso is scribbling notes on his calendar, fitting in the rehearsal dates for the play *"Ang Negosyante ng Venecia,"* the Pilipino translation of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," where he recently played the Duke of Venice. These days, his world revolves around the performing arts, in particular Tanghalang Sta. Ana, which he founded in the mid-1980s. "Majority of the members here are out-of-school youth, their ages ranging from six to 60. They come from all walks of life, so at any one time, you'd see a tricycle driver, a retiree, a teacher or a fishball vendor acting on stage," he says proudly.

He remembers the theater's Holy Week presentation, where he cast hundreds of actors onstage, a la-Cecil B. De Mille. "Every time we have rehearsals, I am speechless at how the actors transform themselves from raw talents into honed thespians with newfound knowledge in stage blocking."

Located in the heart of Plaza Hugo, Tanghalang Sta. Ana is a 150-seater, two-story theater with architecture patterned after the Huseng Batute theater of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. When Veloso first saw it, the place was a warehouse of sorts for construction materials, with a squatter family occupying it. "I wanted an indoor theater that would give the viewing public the feel of a real stage performance," he says. "I wanted the community to feel interested and encourage them to think about acting onstage someday. A plaza is a good alternative venue, but it would impose limitations to certain productions when it comes to changing costumes and moving set-ups."

Generous grants from the office of the City Mayor and Vice Mayor as well as from the office of Sixth District Rep. Sandy Ocampo has allowed the theater to present shows free of charge to the public. The theater has also served as venue for art exhibits, workshops and seminars.

But all good things must come to an end, and after a decade of free admission, the theater members are considering ways to generate revenue. "We have to integrate commerce in the management of the theater to sustain operations," says Veloso.

Not an easy thing to do, he acknowledges. While many of the theater's alumni have landed lucrative contracts in advertising and a few have managed to appear in mainstream drama series, the concept of community theater has yet to take hold. "Majority of Filipinos are not keen on watching stage performances. Their interest in theater remains marginal."

This mover of the stage was born Luciano Veloso was born in Pasay City. He and eight more siblings were orphaned at an early age by Matilde Marinas of San Marcelino, Zambales and Silvestre Veloso of Borongan, Samar. In college Lou took up odd jobs. "We were not that hard up, but I just wanted to have my own income." True enough, Lou held different part-time jobs as a dishwasher at Swiss Inn, a cigarette vendor in front of Don Bosco in Makati, an assistant chemist at Sta. Ana Pharmacy in Pasay City, and a medical technologist at the Dr. Luis Vasquez Clinic in Makati City, on the night shift. He says he did not stay long as a dishwasher, because he broke several plates, costing him his job. When he was a medical technologist, he also became an apprentice with a UP theater group.

These days, despite a crammed calendar in theater and in politics, Lou manages to raise his children well. Fifteen-year-old Anton Lorenzo is in third year high school at Don Bosco Mandaluyong, and Antonette, 10, is in grade three at Don Bosco in Sta. Mesa.

He is already in his early 50s, and regards healthy living as his paramount concern. He keeps tab of his cholesterol count by taking regular doses of virgin coconut oil, which he says has been doing him good.

Lou's first experience in the theater dates back to 1975, when he joined a theater group based in Fort Santiago. The group was Samahang Walang Pangalan, which was coached by Angie Ferro. Lou stayed with the group for five years. Then he joined the University of the Philippines Babaylan Theater Group, where Behn Cervantes, Doreen Fernandez and Nick Tiongson became his mentors. He spent another five years at the Metropolitan Theater, later becoming one of the Cultural Center of the Philippines' resident artists. At times he collaborated in performances with the late comedian Rene Requiestas.

In 1987, Lou tried out for the role of Mr. Truman opposite Nanette Inventor for a TV sit-com called "UFO." "Not easy" is how Lou described his role here, as he needed a new approach to the character of the *probinsyano*. But televiewers learned to love Mr. Truman; children mimicked his voice and gait. People from various walks of life appreciated Lou's clean delivery of comic spiels, a far cry from the slapstick trend popular in the media then. Lou feels that Mr. Truman was worth remembering because of his memorable body language—his contorted face, large, popping eyes, and shoulders that found every reason to shudder.

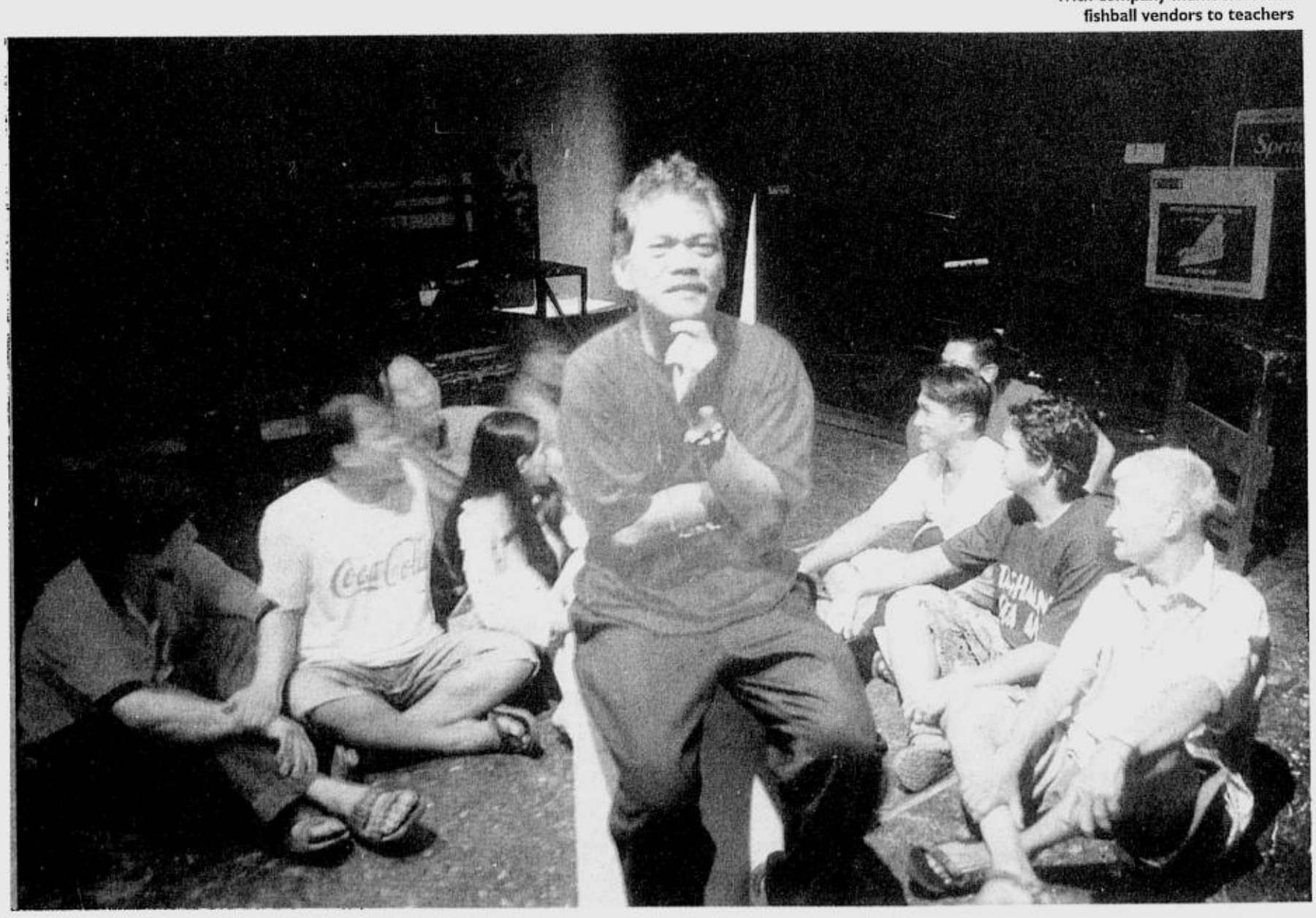
As president of Teatro Santa Ana, Lou helped the theater company organize itself into a professional group. He assisted in sourcing funds and getting scripts for the group's presentations. Lou left his regular paying job as a medical technologist to go full time into acting. He first came to Santa Ana as a room boarder in one of the old houses there. Because he found the place quaint and the neighbors simple, he decided to live there for good. He has been residing in Sta. Ana for almost 20 years now.

Lou still serves as a Manila councilor. His entry into politics was prodded by the hope that he will be able to help finance theater groups in Metro Manila. He believes art can be a medium for non-formal education. The abominable conditions of the urban poor and his quest to provide them with such non-formal education motivated Lou to combine the two fields.

Asked to define progress, one gets a mouthful from Lou in Tagalog: "Will you see that in infrastructure? If people have no discipline, where is the progress? Even if we build more roads and bridges, if there's no water, humanity will keep deteriorating and this will never be a progressive country."

What frustrates Veloso even more is the lack of an institution or a specialized school devoted to performing arts in the country. Only the Makiling National Arts Center offer courses on the performing arts, he points out. "I see my projects as the fruit of my love for the theater arts, so I am not yet ready to relinquish the management of Tanghalang Sta. Ana to other groups expressing their interest in running it. I have to accomplish a lot more for community theater," Veloso says. Hopefully, that lays to rest speculations that he will eventually abandon the project to run for Congress.

With company members: From fishball vendors to teachers



Art

Life is Beautiful, a solo exhibit by Queti Azurin at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila until Nov. 14.

Saffron Robes, an exhibit of color photographs by Sri Lankan photographer Tilak Hettige, until Nov. 14 at Alliance Total Gallery, 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City.

Sa Pagkurap, an exhibit of paintings in mixed media by Eric Griar Guazon, until Nov. 17 at The Big & Small Art Co., The Artwalk, 4/L, SM Megamall A.

Jo Ann Bereber's "Krismas Tris," part of the Museo Pambata Christmas card set

Fragile, a solo exhibit of new works by Joel E. Ferraris at Syano Artlink, 19 Shanghai St., Better Living Subdivision, Parañaque City until Nov. 19.

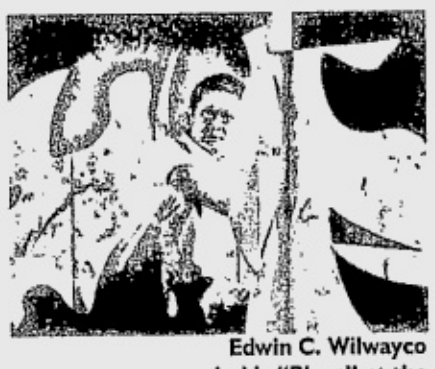
***Louas/Luwas*: Cultural Tension and the Works of our National Artists**, an exhibit of the highlights of the lives and selected works of the country's most prominent and respected artistic icons, until Nov. 23 at the NCCA Gallery, 633 General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila.

Blues, Edwin C. Wilwayco's series of large-scale oil on canvas abstractions at the Art Center, 4/L, SM Megamall Building A until Nov. 29.

Liquid Dreams, a solo exhibit of surreal artist Raul Lebajo, runs from Nov. 18 to Dec. 17 at Ricco-Renzo Galleries Cafe, G/F, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City.

On display at the UP Vargas Museum are **artworks of Fabian de la Rosa**, his contemporaries and former students at the UP School of Fine Arts from the collection of the UPVM. It will be on exhibit at the Lobby until January 2004.

Beyond Taboo: An Exhibit on Genders and Identities featuring paintings, photographs, mixed media works, book art and other visual arts will open on Nov. 11 and will run until January 2004 at the library of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila on Roxas Boulevard.



Edwin C. Wilwayco holds "Blues" at the Art Center

Music

Russia-based conductor Baatarzhavyn Enkhvatar conducts **The San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra** in the Philippine premiere performance of Giya Kancheli's fifth symphony, "In Remembrance of My Parents," in a special concert at the Meralco Theater, Pasig City on Nov. 22. The SMPO will also perform Redentor Romero's "Philippine Portraits" and Antonin Dvorák's "Cello Concerto in B minor" featuring the SMPO's principal cellist, Francisco Llorin, Jr. For inquiries, call 632 3699.

Mag:Net Gallery's **Full Moon Nights at the Loop** presents an unexpected musical installment —young fashion designer/musician Kate Torralba on Nov. 10 at 9 p.m. Fans of her designs will also be given a treat when pieces from her new collection will be displayed at the gallery for the evening. Mag:Net Gallery is located at The Loop, ELJ Bldg., ABS-CBN Compound.

Jazz saxophonist Courtney Pine and his band will perform in a concert titled **Jazz in Time** at Crossroads 77, Mother Ignacia cor. Scout Reyes, QC on Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature top-rate Filipino ensemble led by former members of Jazz Fiesta—Mon David, Tots Tolentino, Jay Cayuca, Colby de la Calzada, Egay Avenir, Boyet Pigao and Joey Quirino—together with Bo Razon on percussion and the horn section of the Ugoy-Ugoy band. Guest vocalists include Cookie Chua, Noel Cabangon, Lynn Sherman, Chad Borja and Bituin Escalante. Courtney will also conduct a free workshop on Improvisation at Recital Hall 2 of the University of Santo Tomas on Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. For tickets, call the British Council at 914-1011 to 14 or Crossroads 77 at 372-5407 to 11.

The Tivoli, Mandarin Oriental's premier restaurant, treats its guests with the music of **Austrian pianist Franz Langer** until Nov. 28. Langer regales audiences with his keyboard wizardry on classical pieces, arias from various operettas, Broadway hits, and signature songs of old time favorites Nat King Cole, Perry Como and Frank Sinatra.

Cinema

Japan's horror trilogy blockbuster about cursed technology, "Ringu," "Ringu 2" and "Ringu O," will be shown at the CCP Dream Theater on Nov. 12, 19 and 26. **Ringu (The Ring)**, a well-crafted horror film directed by Hideo Nakata, revolves around a videotape that causes mysterious death to whoever watches it exactly seven days later. Other special showings this month include short films with taboo themes. In December, a selection of the best works by non-mainstream Filipino animators will be shown. For Dream Theater screenings (shown from Fridays to Sundays, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.), call 832-1125 loc. 1704 or 1705.

Onstage

Federico Garcia Lorca's *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* will be staged by TheatreNow on Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Studio 2 of the Concert at the Park Auditorium, Luneta, Manila. Special performances are also being scheduled at the CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batute. The play talks about a matriarch, Bernarda Alba and her daughters as they face a scandal that will test the fortitude and forbearance of this close-knit family. For inquiries, call 899-5745 or 896-3503.

Tanghalang Ateneo presents ***Don Juan: Ang Babaero ng Sevilla*** at the Irwin Theater, Ateneo de Manila University on Nov. 21 (7 p.m.), Nov. 22 (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.), Nov. 23 (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.), and Nov. 25-27 (7 p.m.). The morality play, featuring the tale of a perennial seducer, is given a new reading with a social and philosophical twist. The cast includes Jay Españo, Missy Maramara, Marisse Dimayuga, Bianca Africa and Trisha Massab. For tickets, call 426-6001 loc. 5056.

On Nov. 14, 6 p.m. at Paco Park Presents, veteran drama and theater icon Rustica C. Carpio will reinvent herself as she celebrates her 45th year of involvement in the theater by reprising the part of a much younger person when she does in monologue style the title role in **The New Yorker in Tondo**, a satirical play by Marcelino Agana Jr. Admission is free. For particulars, call Michael S. Victoria at 736-4897.

For this week's bands and schedules call:
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Alfredo Roces' "Hidalgo and the Generation of 1876" is among the items on sale at the Lopez Museum

Atbp

Gamay Arkoncel-Dacanay will hold her **Zero-Pain Lamaze class** on Nov. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 4 p.m. Her class is based on the teachings of Dr. Fernand Lamaze, which aims to totally eliminate labor pains through childbirth education, special breathing techniques, preparation of pelvic muscles, concentration and stamina building. A hospital tour caps the class. Ideal for a woman who is 5 to 8 months pregnant, with or without a partner. For details and brochures, call 413-8816 or 0917-7874615.

Museo Pambata offers four new colorful **Christmas card designs** by acclaimed children's book illustrators. This year's designs include Jo Ann Bereber's "*Mga Parol*" and "*Krismas Tris*," Jill Posadas' "Baby's *Belen*" and Conrad Raquel's "*Sa Aming Nayon*." The cards can be purchased at the Museo Pambata Gift Shop on Roxas Boulevard cor. South Drive, Manila. For company orders, call 523-1797 to 98.

Basic Holistic Yoga class at the Center for Health and Creative Arts runs on Nov. 13, 20 and 27, 6-7:30 p.m. at 59 Salvador St., Loyola Heights, QC. Learn the basic postures of Hatha yoga with emphasis on controlled breathing for relaxation, fitness, flexibility and general well-being. Also, an Angel Awareness Workshop to be conducted by Nonoy Ozaeta will be held on Nov. 15, 1-7 p.m. For details, call 434-5381.

The **Lopez Museum** located at Benpres Building, Ortigas Center is holding a **pre-Christmas sale** until Dec. 15. On sale are coffee-table books such as "Fernando Zobel" and "Hidalgo and the Generation of 1876," paper products such as Luna and Hidalgo address books and notecards, stationeries based on the museum's rare collection of colonial prints and lithographs, and other items like mugs, caps and tissue holders. For reservations, call Fanny at 631-2417.

Tanghalang Ateneo stages *"Don Juan: Ang Babaero ng Sevilla"* at the Irwin Theater

A **seminar on Starting your Own Preschool/Child Care Center** will be held on Nov. 15 and 16 at the AC-CM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. For reservations, call 823-2615.

The Class of 1979 of **St. Mary's College** of Quezon City high school department will celebrate its **silver jubilee** on July 2004 titled "The Last of the '70s—Saturday Night, The Fever is On." Members are enjoined to contact Agnes Zapanta-Bengco at 427-2771 or 0917-5305170 or Joy Cirineo at 628-0575.

X-manila

Acoustic Drive at Purple Ostrich in Island Cove Resort & Leisure Park presents Soul Siren Nina in a one-night musical rendezvous on Nov. 14, 9 p.m. Sharing the stage are the Edge of R&B, King and upcoming band MP3. Island Cove is in Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite. Tickets available at Island Cove and SM Ticketnet or call (02) 810-3718 or (046) 434-0210.

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LoveNotes

By Joe D' Mango

Living for Love

Everything was perfect between Ben and me. But the greatest test of our love came when Ben was diagnosed with brain cancer

Dear Joe,

Just call me Jane. Like any teenager, I like having fun. My friends often say that I'm so lucky to have a life that's almost perfect. I'm in pre-med at a great university, I have a happy family, I do well in school, I have lots of friends, I've had a boyfriend for two years and I always get what I want.

One day, I met Ben in an Internet chatroom. We were both surprised that we were studying in the same university. From chatmates, we became textmates. We have a lot of similarities, from the same favorite foods to the same favorite songs. Joe, we became the best of friends. Whenever I had a problem with my boyfriend, he was the one who would get upset instead of me. I saw my ideal man in him and started to fall for him. But I always thought that falling for him would be the worst thing that could happen to me. I had a boyfriend who loved me.

One day, Ben told me his real feelings towards me. And he also admitted that it was wrong because I was committed. He even told me that he would go away because he didn't want to ruin my relationship with my boyfriend. But I didn't let him leave. I realized that I loved him more than my boyfriend.

The next thing I knew, Ben and I were already lovers. I broke up with my boyfriend. Everything was perfect between Ben and me. But the greatest test of our love came when Ben was diagnosed with brain cancer. It was like the world stopped. I'm a religious person, Joe, but for the first time in my entire life, I started to blame God. I asked "Why him, why now?" I have always had faith in Him, but why is He doing this to me? Is this karma for giving up my ex-boyfriend? Whenever I see Ben crying in pain because of severe headaches, I want to die. If only I could take that pain away from him.

Joe, I don't want to lose him. I can't imagine myself marrying another man. Joe I don't want to lose him. I don't want to lose my angel.

Sincerely,
Jane

Dear Jane,

We have to realize that God gives and takes away things from us for a reason. When we cannot understand it, we just have to accept it. We should have faith in the ways of the Lord for He alone knows what is best for us.

You may be asking why it could be good to lose someone we dearly love. Why does something so beautiful have to end so soon? Honestly, we may never find answers that would satisfy us. Why can't we be happy when we have to let go of someone ? Because we are afraid of not being able to live our lives. Because we only think of what will happen to us and what we cannot do without that person.

We seldom look at the other side of the coin. Jane, you want to be with Ben for the rest of your life. But have you ever thought of the pain that he has to bear to be able to make you feel complete and happy? Do you think that you would truly be happy seeing him suffer? These are some of the questions that you have to ask yourself. After answering them truthfully you may be begin to understand why God allows things, good or bad, to happen to us.

He takes away things, not to hurt us, but to make us stronger and better persons. And He is never selfish. He makes sure that there is a window open when He closes a door.

Jane, let us just pray for Ben. If a miracle happens, then that is God's gift to you. But if he has to go, then that is God's gift to him. And you should be happy not because you lost him but because God took his pain away from him. Be strong, Jane, and don't die for love. LIVE for love. Ben doesn't want you to suffer when he goes. He wants you to be happy. And you should, because you have loved with all your heart and have been loved the same way. That is something that no one can take away from you. Keep that love alive and know that it is better to lose because we have unselfishly loved than to lose because we only thought about ourselves all the while.

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The Dogfather

This SVD priest finds fulfillment and joy in caring for canines, raising and sharing them with fellow animal lovers

Fr. Nards with Sacra by his side and Rica in the foreground

BELIEVE it or not, Father Leonardo "Nards" R. Estioko of the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD) and former rector of Christ the King Seminary in Quezon City, has raised close to 150 dogs in the said compound for the past nine years. Except for the 10 dogs he keeps, the rest he gave away when they were still puppies. To this day, he continues to give puppies away to friends and colleagues.

"It's not really easy to let the puppies go," Fr. Nards says. "They're so lovely. Since I already have so many, my great joy is in giving, not in having more."

It all started with Sacra, a mixed Terrier, who is so close to Fr. Nards that for a time she would even follow him inside the church while he was saying Mass. She also took to attending his philosophy class lectures. Even now, Sacra tags along when he goes on short trips to Tagaytay or Batangas. "She's a very good passenger and companion along the way." They are so close she has practically become his alter ego. When people see him, they always ask for her whereabouts.

The name "Sacra" is short for "Sacrament." She came to Fr. Nards as a puppy from the SVD school of theology in Tagaytay. "In Indian language, 'Sacra' means sweet. That's what Sacra is, sweet as wine. The older she gets, the sweeter she becomes," Fr. Nards writes in his book, "Gone to the Dogs," where he chronicled his own experiences and views in raising and loving dogs.

His fondness for dogs is rooted in a childhood spent on a family farm in Pangasinan. "We had dogs at home, not chained, not caged. We also had carabaos, cows, pigs, chickens and pigeons," he says. Those happy memories would be relived when Sacra came into his life.

Until now, Fr. Nards believes that dogs must neither be chained nor caged. This is the same view held by naturalist Konrad Z. Lorenz, whose "animals have always had the free run of his house" because this afforded him the best way to observe and understand their behavior.

A couple of years back, though, after receiving letters of complaint from some of his colleagues and visitors to the seminary, Fr. Nards decided to confine his dogs to their quarters—a 12 x 15 meter enclosure he called "the mansion" because it was constructed at the time when the mansion controversy of former President Estrada was hitting the headlines. The place used to be a dumpsite in the seminary compound.

"There are people who love dogs and others who don't" is his way of explaining why he had to put an end to the free roaming days of his pets.

Sacra, of course, being the matriarch of his brood, remains free and unconfined. As a compromise, the rest of the pack is allowed to run freely around the compound for two hours a day, from 1-3 p.m.

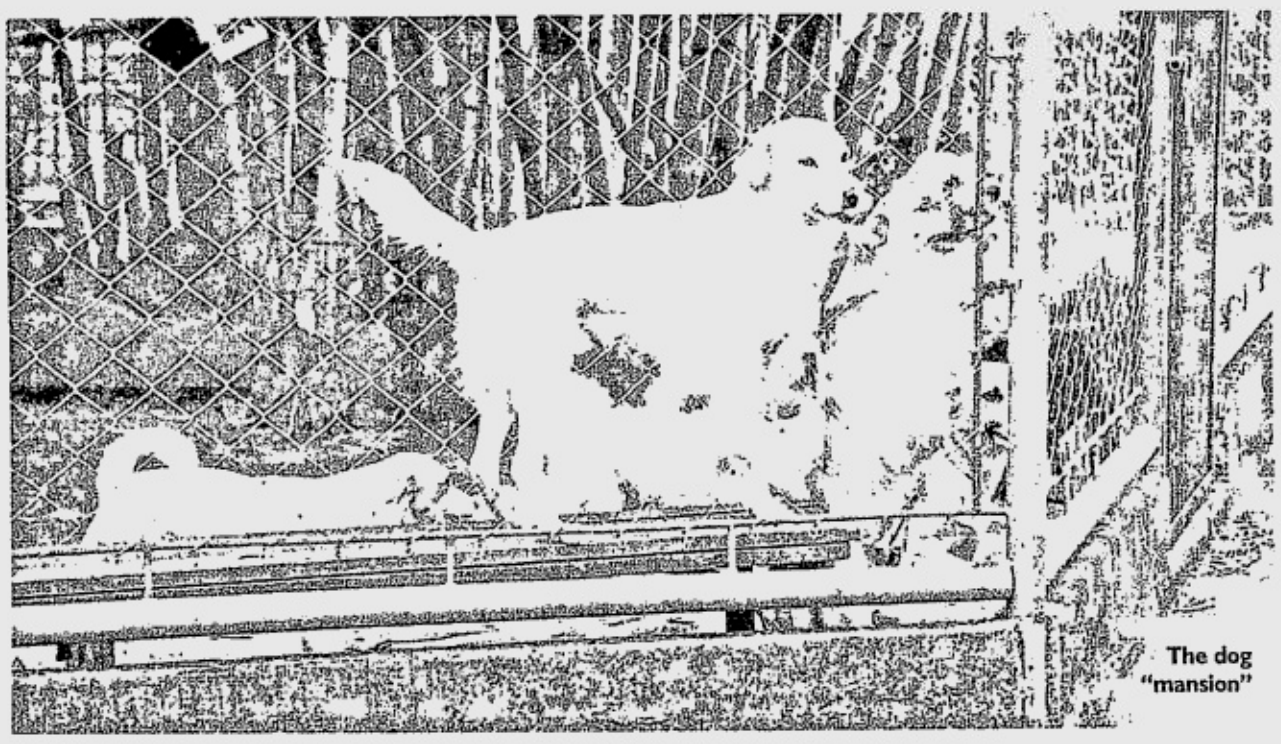
"It is physically and psychologically healthier for them to enjoy more freedom regularly, even for a shorter time, than for a longer time at longer intervals," Fr. Nards said. But even when they are inside their quarters, he sees to it that they are well taken care of, with fresh, clean water all the time, sufficient food, their toys, bones to chew so they won't get bored, and a homey atmosphere provided by the plants and trees.

Fr. Nards even had a faucet installed inside the quarters so the dogs are assured of their regular supply of water. This is also where he gives them a bath. Apart from his seminary duties, Fr. Nards teaches education and philosophy courses at Philippine Normal University and at the Christ the King Seminary. But even with his hectic schedule, he always finds time to attend to his dogs.

Being with them not only relaxes him. "It also gives me time to think," he says. Apart from the love he gets in return from his canine friends, living with them has taught him "to take people as they are, to respect their individuality and aspirations for fulfillment."

He finds pleasure in simply watching his dogs be as they are. "I do not train my dogs. I do not teach them to perform spectacular tricks or enter dog shows to entertain people. I simply want to appreciate them as they are."

When he retires, Fr. Nards wants to go back to the farm life he once knew. In the meantime, he is enjoying some peace in between the whelping season of his dogs. "When the puppies are all gone, my room will look decent again," he says—that is, until the next batch of puppies comes along.



The dog "mansion"

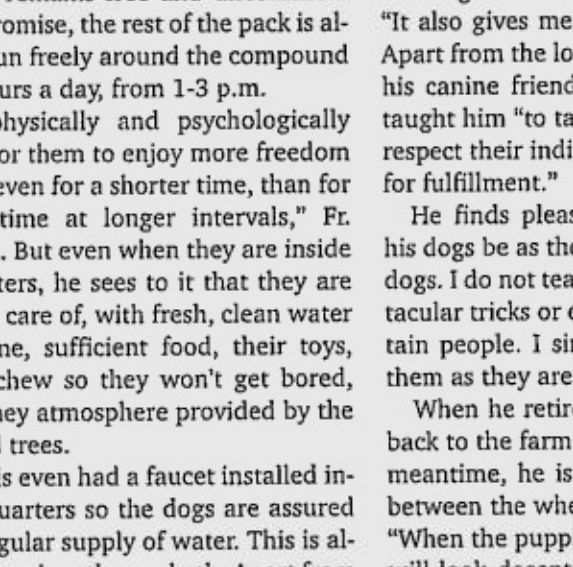
Noteworthy

Poochingon the Ritz

Manila's high-profile folk take a backseat to their pets in a dog lover's dream exhibit

TAKE six top Filipino photographers and have them shoot some of the city's most pampered, gorgeous, adorable subjects. No, we're not talking about Jericho Rosales (although he would qualify, we think). Rather, we're talking about Sky, his beautiful Golden Retriever, who's the star of the portrait, along with other celebrity pets featured in the "Celebrity Pooch Gallery." The exhibit, which opened yesterday at Rockwell Power Plant Mall's South Court and will move to other venues from there, features 24 portraits of celebs and their dogs.

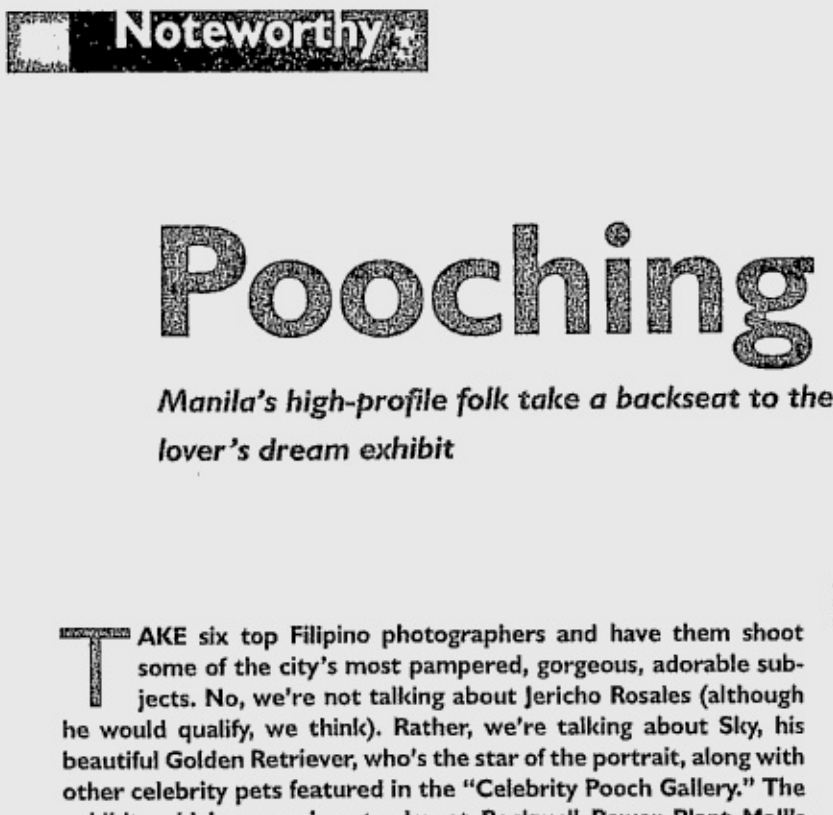
"There's a great story about Sky," recounts Apa Ongpin, brand manager of ABS-CBN Publishing's Metro Magazine, which is mounting this exhibit jointly with Rustan's Supermarkets. Ongpin, incidentally, also helped produce an accompanying magazine, coordinated the photo shoots, and jumped in as photographer (of the aforementioned Jericho and Sky portrait) and subject (with his own *askal*-Labrador hound, Ubu). Apparently, Jericho had lost Sky when the then pup escaped from a vehicle on the way to the beach. "For months, he searched for the dog, even making regular appeals on 'MTB,'" Ongpin recalls. "Then, one day, the family that had bought the animal actually returned him to Jericho!"



Such tales of human-canine bonding are evident in the charming shots by Bengy Toda, Jun de Leon, Lita Puyat, Neal Oshima, Tom Epperson (who posed with his Jack Russel terrier Blitz for Toda) and Wig Tysmans of such celebs as Mylene Dizon, who draped her dachshund around her bare body; Richard Gomez and a Boxer who could beat him in the good looks department; soon-to-be-wed Julius Babao and Tintin Bersola with two from their brood of Chow-Chows and Siberian Huskies; Tessa Valdes and Calypso, who looks like she's part of the noted partyphile's outfit; an elegant Luli Arroyo with her dachshund Frankfurter; and lots more.

So are there really that many dog lovers in this beleaguered nation? Rustan's, which is running a Responsible Pet Ownership Project, reveals that 80 percent of their shoppers are dog owners. Who was it who said that civilization will be judged by the way we treat our animals? If that's the case, then based on this exhibit, we're home free.

Alya B. Honasan



Clockwise from left: Jericho Rosales and Sky by Apa Ongpin; Tessa Valdes and Calypso by Tom Epperson; Tom Epperson and Blitz by Bengy Toda; Luli Arroyo and Frankfurter by Lita Puyat